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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
MASSACHUSETTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

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TOWN OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Frank Paul	Selectmen:	
✓ Charles	Donald S. Outhuse, Chairman	1956
✓ George	Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk	1955
✓ Vernon	George Vernon Warner	1954
✓ Barbara	Town Clerk:	
✓	Charles W. Wells	1954
✓ Barbara	Town Treasurer:	
✓	Miss Anna E. Watson	1954
✓ Barbara	Assessors:	
✓	Vernon P. West	1956
✓	Philip Carnall	1954
✓	Edwin Breckenridge, Chairman	1955
✓ Barbara	Tax Collector:	
✓	Barbara B. Swanda	1955
✓ Barbara	Elector, Oliver Smith Will:	
✓	Richard F. Watling	1954
✓ Barbara	School Committee:	
✓	Warren McAvoy, Chairman	1954
✓	Eleanor Ballway	1956
✓	Kenneth Sherk	1956
✓	Norman Graves	1955
✓	Robert Soderberg, resigned	1955
✓	Ruth Emerick, to fill vacancy	1954
✓ Barbara	Constables:	
✓	Charles Cross , .	1954
✓	Vardic Golash	1954

Town Officers

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Board of Health:

George M. Child, Chairman	1954
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1955
Mrs. Mary Nelson	1956
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1955

Water Commissioners:

Howard Sanderson, Chairman	1955
Robert Purnell	1956
Edward Beattie, deceaser	1954
✓ Robert Wells, to fill unexpired term	

Tree Warden:

Frank Vayda	1954
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Trustees of Haydenville Library:

Mrs. Lula Smith	1956
✓ Miss Lora Phinney	1954
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1955

Trust Fund Commissioners:

Arthur J. Polmatier	1955
Roswell S. Jorgenson	1954
Richard Graves	1956

Recreation Committee:

Kenneth Beals, Chairman	1955
Frank Paul	1954
Richard Graves	1956

Moderator:

John H. Breguet	1954
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Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized Feb. 23 as follows: Donald Outhuse, chairman; W. E. Kellogg Jr., clerk, chairman of Board of Welfare, and Veterans' Agent; and G. Vernon Warner, Superintendent of Roads.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held and 5 special meetings were held during the year.

There were 3 Special Town Meetings held during the year.

Chapter 90 construction was done on Mountain Street.

There was a Chapter 90 Special Grant for the purpose of resurfacing Route 143 (Chesterfield Road).

Chapter 81 construction was done on Nash Street.

At the last Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen were authorized to hire a Town Secretary. Mrs. Vernon West was hired and served in this capacity until fall when she resigned and Mrs. Gabriel Mongeau was appointed to fill the vacancy. Because of the heating problem at the Town Hall, the Secretary's office was moved to the Fire House.

There was a serious infestation of Gypsy Moths in Town this year. Spray was used along the Highways. There are plans for aerial spraying in cooperation with the County and State.

The sanding of the roads was let out to contract this year at a saving to the Town.

We recommend that the outside of the Town Hall be painted and the windows that were purchased last year should be installed.

We wish to thank the other town officers, committees, and townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE,

WALTER E. KELLOGG, Jr.

G. VERNON WARNER.

Articles from the Town Warrant

- (1) ✓ Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect two School Committeemen, one for three years and one for two years, one Trust Fund Commissioner, two Water Commissioners, one Library Trustee, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, all for a term of three years.
- (2) ✓ Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- (3) ✓ Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.
- (12) ✓ Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

(9) Carried Article 5. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

(4) Carried Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund. (Selectmen chosen)

(8) Carried Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00, the County and State's share of the expense and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and Town's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

(10) ✓ Carried Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of this Chapter the Town's share to be raised by taxation and the County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Articles of the Warrant

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Carried
- ✓ Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,100.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement under this Chapter, such sums to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account, the State's share to be returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the State, or take any other action thereon.
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- ✓ Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.
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- ✓ Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$894.01 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.
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Carried
- ✓ Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$6,837.75 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1953 to the Road Machinery Account of 1954.
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Carried
- ✓ Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1954 on the South Street Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.
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Carried
- ✓ Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1954,
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on the additional Water Supply Loan, or take any other action thereon.

(15) ✓ Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$495.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest on the additional Water Supply Loan, which is due in 1954, or take any other action thereon.
Carried

(16) ✓ Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1954 on the Water extension to the Hampshire County Sanatorium or take any other action thereon.
Carried

(17) ✓ Article 17. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$192.50 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest which is due in 1954 on the Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.
Carried

(18) ✓ Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of the buildings formerly owned by Jakop Grzeszczyk, located on the Southerly side of Pine Street in the Village of Haydenville, in such manner and for such price as they determine fitting and proper.
Carried

(32) ✓ Article 19. To authorize the board of Assessors to hire Gordon W. Ainsworth, Registered Land Surveyor of Deerfield, Mass., to prepare tax maps as outlined in a proposal by Mr. Ainsworth on file with the board of Assessors, and to vote from available funds the sum of \$6,250.00 to pay the cost of above proposal or take any other action thereon.
Carried

add revenue to town - some acres not taxed at present - to net 34 for work in 1954 being 1/3 of the sum of \$16,000. sq. acres

\$16,000. sq. acres
\$13,000. to 1/3 tax'd

Amendment - 1/3 sq. mi. 2,083.33 - progress in 1954 being 1/3 of the sum of \$16,000.

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Carried

✓ Article 20. To authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of two to work with the board of Assessors to study methods of revaluation and to make recommendations as to best method in a report to the next annual meeting or take any other action thereon.

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Carried

Article 21. To authorize the board of Assessors to purchase, for the use of the secretary, the following machines.

1 Monroe Calculating Machine	\$360.00
1 Burroughs Adding Machine	279.00
Total	639.00

or take any other action thereon.

✓ Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept and lay out as a Public Street that strip of land (50) feet in width and approximately 500 feet in length running Easterly from South Street and shown as a proposed street on a plan entitled: "Subdivision of land belonging to Ernest H. and Ruth T. Graves" dated July, 1952 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 41, Page 2; said street to be known as Eastern Avenue, or take other action thereon.

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✓ Article 24. The following amendment to By-Law No. 2 of the Town of Williamsburg has been proposed and will be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting, February 15, 1954, which By-Law reads as follows: 'The annual town meeting shall be held on the third Monday in February of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant'; delete "third Monday" and substitute "second Saturday", so that the By-Law now reads:

"The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Saturday in February of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant".

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✓ Article 25. The following By-Laws have already been adopted by a 2/3 vote of the townspeople. Since these By-Laws were not submitted to the Attorney General within one year after adoption, it is necessary to resubmit them to be voted on again for the Attorney General's approval:

Carried
(A) "The polls at the annual town meeting shall be open for the election of town officers from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m."

Carried
(B) "Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen, consisting of three members, shall be elected for a three-year term. However, at the annual meeting in 1948, one shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and thereafter one shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three years."

Carried
(C) "Board of Health.

There shall be created in the Town, a Board of Health separate from the Board of Selectmen, consisting of three members, who shall be elected

at the annual Town Meeting, to serve for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. However, at the annual Town Meeting in 1946, one shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and thereafter one shall be elected at each annual Town Meeting for a term of three years. The members of the Board of Health shall receive such compensation for their services as the Town by vote shall determine."

✓ Article 26. To see if the town will vote to have a committee of three, to be appointed by the Moderator to work with the Board of Health, to investigate a dump site and raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for survey expenses if necessary or take any other action thereon.

✓ Article 27. Section 1. To see if the Town will create a stabilization fund.

Section 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate to the stabilization fund created under Section 1 an amount of money equal to 5% of the amount raised in 1953 by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property.

Section 3. To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer from the present surplus account to the stabilization fund, created under Section 1 of this article, the sum of \$10,000, if such transfer is approved by the Emergency Finance Board, or take any other action thereunder.

✓ Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from

Articles of the Warrant

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March 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955 who shall maintain an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of thirty-five hours per week throughout the year, except for such periods of vacation or leave as may be agreed upon; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,275.00 from which to pay this Secretary, maintenance costs for which shall be provided from the maintenance appropriations allotted to the various departments for which the Secretary acts: that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Selectmen and the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

26 ✓ Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee^{of 3} to re-survey plans for the extension of water service and fire protection to Searsville, Village Hill and Mountain Street and to report details and costs of such an extension not later than the next annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the use of that committee, or take any other action thereon.

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33 ✓ Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

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34 ✓ Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Tree Warden to cooperate with the State or County in the Gypsy Moth spraying pro-

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Carried

gram and use part or all of the \$642.40 appropriated for gypsy moth work for this purpose.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of erecting an addition to the engine house in Williamsburg and authorize the ~~fire chief~~ to enter into any contracts pertaining thereto or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,325.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of seven members to study the building needs of the Haydenville and Williamsburg Fire Station, the committee consisting of one member of the Williamsburg Fire Department, one member of the Haydenville Fire Department, the other five members to be chosen from the list of registered voters, the committee to report to the Town at the next town meeting, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 from the water surplus account for the purpose of erecting a building at the well site to store water dept. equipment or take any other action thereon.

Article 36. - raise & app \$1,500.00 for larder room in basement
Haydenville grammar school

Article 37. - \$15,000. - Town Hall & Admin building - erect office and conference rooms.

Article 38. - accept laying maintenance as road
Hubfield Rd in Haydenville to property of Mr. Tach

Report of Finance Committee

"There is no adequate revenue without economy."
—Benjamin Franklin.

"It may be said that the people determine what taxes shall be imposed." —U. S. Treasury Department...

Your Finance Committee would refer you to the report of the Town Accountant wherein is listed those transfers made by the Finance Committee from the Reserve fund, for the year 1953, the purpose of which was to meet unforeseen and emergency needs of various departments, and to pay from last year's reserve appropriation overdrafts by various departments of government. Your Finance Committee would remind all departments that they are required to live within their appropriations as voted by Town meetings for the use of such department, and that each item voted is considered as a separate appropriation. This restriction is not applicable or binding upon a School Committee. This is State law and your Finance Committee and all other departments should obey it.

Your Finance Committee refers you also to the pages carrying Budget Requests and Recommendations for 1953 which are part of this report. It represents departmental budget requests, generally itemized, and recorded

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here after study, discussion, with agreements and differences as between the Finance Committee and each department. Your action upon them in Town meeting establishes with each department an agreement to be discharged. It therefore controls the spending of your tax money and permits you the opportunity to exercise "economy" and "to determine what taxes shall be imposed." You, individually and together, make effective your Town administration, or reduce to futility the efforts of Departments, and of this Committee to operate, plan and control the direction of Town affairs.

Your Finance Committee is conscious of its lack of authority, but does not agree to the notion, sometimes expressed, that its effectiveness is little, and its actions futile. With a full sense of responsibility to our functions in government we inquire into and around all departments of government. With your interests as taxpayers, and with the progress of your community as a whole ever in mind, we seek to coordinate all the various requests and projects so that all functions of government shall be effective and progressive within the limits of that which we believe may be prudent and frugal.

Your Town has needs, vital needs, for Town business offices, for better sanitation, for extended water services, for improved protection of persons and property, for road and street improvements, and for better housekeeping, in addition to the improvements of educational facilities. It is our job and yours to see to it that we shall not so emphasize one that the others decay or deteriorate. We invite you to consider your Town needs carefully not only

at Town Meeting, but along with each alert committee or group that exists or is set up to promote a steady improvement for Williamsburg and Haydenville on every front. That requires judgment, comparison and sagacity, as well as enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. CRONE

MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER

MRS. JOSEPH HOBBS

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

LEONARD WALPOLE

MARTIN DUNPHY

WINFIELD S. SMITH

LEWIS BLACK

ROY LEONARD

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1954

	1953 Approp.	1953 Expended	1954 Request	1954 Recm.
Moderator				
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00 ✓
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	3,143.66	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00 ✓
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	\$4,035.00	\$3,178.66	\$4,035.00	\$4,035.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, chairmán	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
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Maintenance	300.00	315.34	300.00	300.00 ✓
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	\$900.00	\$915.34	\$900.00	\$900.00
Treasurer				
Salary	500.00	500.00	600.00	600.00
Maintenance	250.00	250.00	300.00	300.00
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	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will				
Accountant				
Salary	450.00	450.00	500.00	500.00
Maintenance	100.00	108.91	100.00	100.00 ✓
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	\$550.00	\$558.91	\$600.00	\$600.00
Assessors				
Salaries	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00 ✓
Clerk	150.00	150.00
Maintenance	250.00	268.36	250.00	250.00 ✓
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	\$950.00	\$968.36	\$800.00	\$800.00

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Budget Requests and Recommendations

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Town Clerk

Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00 ✓
Maintenance	300.00	308.94	300.00	300.00 ✓
Elections and Registration	200.00	653.40	400.00	400.00 ✓
	\$700.00	\$1,162.34	\$900.00	\$900.00 ✓

Tax Collector

Salary	400.00	400.00	600.00	600.00 ✓
Maintenance	400.00	475.00	475.00	475.00 ✓
	\$800.00	\$875.00	\$1,075.00	\$975.00 ✓

General Government

Town Hall	800.00	850.29	2,000.00	2,000.00 ✓
Town Sheds	200.00	161.00	150.00	150.00 ✓
Legal Consultation	150.00	250.00	250.00	250.00 ✓
Sealer, Weights and Measures	100.00	200.00	100.00	100.00 ✓
Gypsy Moth	642.00	16.62	642.40	642.40 ✓
Elm Trees	321.00	300.00	321.20	321.20 ✓
Tree Warden	800.00	860.15	800.00	800.00 ✓
Town Clocks	125.00	190.78	125.00	125.00 ✓
Town Reports	325.00	309.40	350.00	350.00 ✓
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00 ✓
Wood Lot	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00 ✓
	\$3,623.00	\$3,298.24	\$4,898.60	\$4,898.60

Recreation Committee

Athletic Field	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00 ✓
Rec. and Equip.	200.00	194.77	200.00	200.00 ✓
	\$600.00	\$594.77	\$600.00	\$600.00 ✓

Police

Salaries	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Special Police	75.00	75.00	150.00	150.00
Telephone and mileage	90.00	269.59	100.00	100.00
Auxiliary equipment	....	....	150.00	....
Patrolling	985.00	774.70	1,400.00	1,400.00
	\$1,350.00	\$1,319.29	\$2,000.00	\$1,850.00

Fire Department

Salaries, chief	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	3430.
deputy chief	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
40 firemen	80.00	42.00	80.00	80.00	
Telephone and lights	....	....	350.00	350.00	
Insurance	....	....	165.00	165.00	
Labor at fires	....	....	1,500.00	1,500.00	15
Fuel	....	....	550.00	550.00	55
Equipment maintenance	4,000.00	4,636.06	505.00	505.00	505.00
Training	....	....	500.00	500.00	500.00
New equipment	....	....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water holes	....	....	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rep. to Haydenville station	....	....	300.00	300.00	300.00
	\$4,430.00	\$5,028.05	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

Highways

Chapter 81	4,100.00	4,100.05	4,100.00	4,100.00	✓
Gen. and Winter	8,050.00	8,050.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	✓
Bridges	500.00	560.29	1,000.00	1,000.00	✓
Sidewalks	100.00	67.35	....	....
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	✓
Chapter 90 Maintenance	750.00	750.07	1,000.00	1,000.00	✓
Tools	200.00	184.10	200.00	200.00	✓
Street Lights	2,500.00	2,739.00	3,100.00	3,100.00	
	\$18,700.00	\$18,950.86	\$20,900.00	\$20,900.00	

Board of Health

Public Health (Sanatorium)	3,600.00	2,523.76	1,800.00	1,800.00	✓
Barn and Animal Inspector	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	✓
Salary of Chairman	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	✓
Dairy Inspector	75.00	....	75.00	75.00	✓
Slaughter Inspector	150.00	46.00	125.00	125.00	✓
Haydenville Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	✓
Rubbish Collection	200.00	450.00	600.00	600.00	✓
Well Child Clinic	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	✓
Town Dump	350.00	330.00	1,385.00	1,385.00	✓
Public Health Adm.	40.00	80.00	165.00	165.00	✓
Garbage	300.00	300.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	✓
	\$5,375.00	\$4,389.76	\$7,610.00	\$7,610.00	

Budget Requests and Recommendations

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Water Department

Salaries, caretaker and supply	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
Collector of water rents	200.00	200.00	150.00	150.00✓
Caretaker, water shed	75.00	75.00	100.00	100.00✓
Chlorinator caretaker	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00✓
Pipe Line Maintenance	2,931.00	2,471.16	3,000.00	3,000.00✓
Water Shed	500.00	608.90	500.00	500.00✓
Chlorinator Maintenance	500.00	351.35	700.00	700.00✓
Well Maint. and Pump costs	650.00	1,035.63	1,000.00	1,000.00✓
Administration	200.00	184.40	100.00	100.00✓
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	\$5,956.00	\$5,226.44	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00

Public Welfare

General Aid	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	27,000.00	27,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Aid to Dep. Children	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Agent's salary	1,508.57	1,508.57	1,659.43	1,659.43
Aid to Totally Disabled	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
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	\$41,208.57	\$41,208.57	\$41,359.43	\$41,359.43

Veterans' Service

Benefits	1,300.00	536.03	1,300.00	1,300.00
Salary	150.00	150.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
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	\$1,600.00	\$836.03	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00

Cemeteries

Mountain Street	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Old Village Hill	50.00	75.00	75.00
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	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

Library	400.00	398.94	400.00	400.00
Interest on Revenue	400.00	291.87	200.00	200.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,200.00	1,059.62	1,200.00	1,200.00
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	\$1,600.00	\$1,351.49	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
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	\$93,687.57	\$90,921.05	\$101,563.03	\$100,313.03

Budget Requests and Recommendations

	1953 Budget	1953 Expended	1954 Budget	1954 Recom.
Teachers' Salaries	\$52,568.00	\$53,712.63	\$65,483.21	\$65,483.21
Janitors' Salaries and Serv.	4,380.00	4,837.94	5,200.00	5,200.00
Janitors' Supplies	500.00	860.52	900.00	900.00
Drawing Teacher	564.00	616.00	685.55	685.55
Music Teacher	1,036.00	1,033.44	1,142.22	1,142.22
Superintendent's Salary	2,750.00	2,724.96	2,700.00	2,700.00
Penmanship	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
Clerk	1,200.00	1,214.87	1,200.00	1,200.00
Union Expense	200.00	203.70	225.00	225.00
Nurse's Salary	600.00	600.00	660.00	660.00
Nurse's Travel Expense	25.00	25.16	25.00	25.00
Physicians' Salaries	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Transportation	6,575.00	6,372.24	6,670.00	6,670.00
Fuel	2,200.00	1,469.79	2,200.00	2,200.00
Repairs	383.00	778.22	3,100.00	3,100.00
Sundries	450.00	417.25	450.00	450.00
Books	1,100.00	1,656.04	1,500.00	1,500.00
Classroom Supplies	1,425.00	1,008.10	1,200.00	1,200.00
Office Supplies	150.00	331.85	250.00	250.00
Athletics and Trans.	1,167.50	884.29	1,112.65	1,112.65
Smith's School Tuition	4,350.00	4,232.43	4,375.00	4,375.00
Lights	850.00	748.93	850.00	850.00
New Equipment	....	82.39	2,170.00	2,170.00
Insurance	971.10	953.38	1,000.00	1,000.00
Committee's Salary	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Smith's School Transp.	1,100.00	1,065.75	1,250.00	1,250.00
	\$85,774.60	\$87,059.88	\$105,618.65	\$105,618.65
Total	\$179,462.17	\$177,980.93	\$207,181.68	\$205,931.68

A five per cent reduction in the school budget is recommended by the finance committee.

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Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 282 dog licenses issued in 1953, as follows: 169 males, 23 females, 85 spayed and 5 kennels. The sum of \$616.60 has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 547 sporting licenses issued in 1953 for which the sum of \$1,714.00 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

There were 39 births recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1953 which included two in 1952 on which records were not received until 1953. The listing also includes nine births in 1953 on which records were received in 1954.

1952

- Dec. 14 Peter Noyes Waddell
28 Stephen Arthur Dufresne

1953

- Jan. 7 Debra Marion Beebe
9 Joseph Chester Kulash
15 Roxanne Joy McCord
30 Harry Whiting Warner, III
31 Jane Marie Hathaway

Feb.	2	Robert Alan Barnard
	10	Merry Elizabeth Frost
	14	Scott James Miller
Mar.	17	Nancy Jane Fuller
	23	Jaclyn Ann Sabo
Apr.	2	Amy Louise Edwards
	5	Margaret Mae Molloy
	10	Stanley Anthony Soltys, Jr.
	14	Robert Lewis Wells
	19	Maureen Theresa O'Brien
	22	Joy Elizabeth Nietsche
	25	Marjorie Ann Perry
May	19	Thomas William Mosher
	23	Arnold James Amidon
June	4	Debrah Gail Billett
	16	Russell Earl Culver
	26	(No name) Lunsford
July	8	Alan Henry Everett
	11	Thomas Connell
	15	Samuel Robert Williston
	20	Dale Landon Beals
	23	Robert Hutton Christenson
Aug.	2	Kathleen Anne Williams
	6	Peter Chesson Hale
	15	John Edwin Clark
	15	Steven Ellis Clark
	28	(No name) Emerson
	28	David Frederick Shea
Sept.	3	Mary-Ann Michelle Reardon
	23	Patricia Gail Dostie
	24	Teresa Vayda
	29	James Jay Smith
Oct.	8	Mark Duane Harry
	16	Mark Kevin Wilson
	27	Jean Agnes Clark

Nov.	7	Joan Ann Bohmer
	15	Denise Morin
	18	Mary Louise Newell
	20	Maureen Moynahan
Dec.	12	Natalie Joyce West
	23	Jo Ann Neill

MARRIAGES

There were 26 marriages of Williamsburg residents recorded in 1953, as follows:

1952		
June	28	Barbara Ann Ross, Haydenville, Mass. Armand Ernest Daviau, Haydenville, Mass.
Dec.	30	Barbara Jean Outhuse, Williamsburg, Mass. Harry Peter Baker, South Portland, Maine
1953		
Jan.	10	Edith L. Hawley, Amherst, Mass. John A. Kolosewicz, Haydenville, Mass.
Apr.	4	Phyllis Mary Masloski, Williamsburg, Mass. Frank Whiton Olin II, Windham, Conn.
	7	Miriam (Waldron) Brainard, Mansfield, Ohio Edward Lynn Smith, Tarrytown, N. Y.
May	1	Marilyn Fay Black, Williamsburg, Mass. Percy F. Culver, Jr., Conway, Mass.
	3	Ruth Ann Bray, South Hadley, Mass. Allen C. Eastman, Williamsburg, Mass.
	9	Barbara Ann Trumble, Conway, Mass. Walter Robert Demerski, Haydenville, Mass.
	23	Mae Louise Sanderson, Williamsburg, Mass. John Anthony Favelcsyk, Haydenville, Mass.
June	7	Grace Ewing Sabin, Westfield, Mass. Otis Charles Flint, Williamsburg, Mass.
	15	Vivian M. Blanchette, Northampton, Mass. Leroy J. Baldwin, Haydenville, Mass.

- 20 Blanche Louise Roberge, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Armond LaCroix, Westfield, Mass.
- 21 Donna (Rice) Michel, Haydenville, Mass.
 Herbert Roy Hunter, Haydenville, Mass.
- 27 M. Elaine Dickinson, Whately, Mass.
 Russell M. Warner, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 27 Charlotte Jane Fry, Northampton, Mass.
 Charles Dickinson Showalter, Williamsburg,
 Mass.
- July 31 Shirley A. Ferreira, Haydenville, Mass.
 Kenneth A. Roberge, Jr., Northampton, Mass.
- Aug. 8 Harriet Louise Kendall, Northampton, Mass.
 Frederick George Oliver, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Oct. 10 Dorothy Ann Harrington, Leeds, Mass.
 Donald William Morin, Haydenville, Mass.
- 14 Joyce M. Baldwin, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Thomas J. Kennedy, Florence, Mass.
- 17 Joan Bachand, Haydenville, Mass.
 Walter Kopka, Haydenville, Mass.
- 17 Barbara E. Nash, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Morton G. Stowe, Northampton, Mass.
- 17 Stanislawa Gadzinska, Shelton, Conn.
 Walenty Kulas, Haydenville, Mass.
- 19 Eleanor R. Gougeon, Florence, Mass.
 Harvey E. Cranston, Jr., Williamsburg, Mass.
- 24 Mildred L. LaRochelle, Florence, Mass.
 Roland T. Lemire, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Nov. 26 Loretta Jean LaCasse, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Anthony Kolosewicz, Haydenville, Mass.
- Dec. 14 Barbara Louise Ferron, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Frederick Merton Blondin, Florence, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 35 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1953, as follows:

Date	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Da.	Hr.
1952					
Dec. 7	Victor C. Bickford	78	8	12	
1953					
Jan. 9	Sarah (Harvey) Bates	86	4	19	
29	Hattie (Bush) Keyes	72	2	21	
Feb. 3	Edward J. Walpole	59	0	13	
5	Henry J. Guyette	75	9	2	
14	Frances (Greski) Kulash	81	5	0	
28	John Vayda	75	6	16	
Mar. 21	Ray N. Sornborger	65	10	12	
Apr. 3	John G. Krimmel	86	7	21	
3	Edward Beattie	56	2	21	
13	Bessie E. Briggs	70	9	0	
14	Alfred E. Nye	69	3	14	
15	Barbara Purnell	9	2	25	
28	Margaret (Kajder) Demerski	72	10	19	
May 6	Henry N. Brown	76	0	12	
14	Mary (Hart) Taylor	63	1	22	
19	Edna (Burroughs) Curtis	69	7	14	
29	Rilla (Sweeney) Craven	83	0	0	
June 3	Edith (Sharpe) O'Brien	59	8	10	
5	Charles S. Beebe	34	8	18	
9	Alice K. (Derricks) Roberts	84	6	6	
26	(Baby Boy) Lunsford				16
26	Emma (Stanton) Smith	76	4	26	
July 24	Edwin Gaul	47	0	0	
Aug. 13	George Hillenbrand	56	2	7	
27	Rose (St. Laurent) Lamagdelaine				
		79	10	19	
28	(Baby Boy) Emerson				

Town Clerk

Sept. 2	Sereno S. Clark	73	0	6
4	Philip S. Eddy	57	11	11
11	Lottie (Crowell) Eno	72	9	24
24	Magdalena (Fischer) Nehring	92	6	8
28	Mary (Ciereski) Muraski	77	0	0
Oct. 6	Frank Dudinski	69	11	22
Nov. 22	(Baby Girl) Cone	0	0	1
Dec. 17	John Greski	73	0	0



Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952:

1946 Real Estate	\$9.20
1948 Poll Tax	2.00
Personal Property	.62
Real Estate	23.00
Excise	34.75
1949 Poll Tax	6.00
Real Estate	15.58
Excise	3.31
1950 Poll Tax	6.00
Personal Property	58.44
Real Estate	192.20
1951 Poll Tax	14.00
Personal Property	777.35
Real Estate	2,212.11
Excise	135.97
1952 Poll Tax	32.00
Personal Property	2,548.70
Real Estate	14,698.54
Excise	2,929.47
 Total	 \$28,760.62

Commitments:

1953 Poll Tax	\$1,220.00
Personal Property	12,568.28
Real Estate	94,283.51
Excise	13,654.10

1952 Excise given in January
 & March 1953 **719.15**

Total	\$122,445.04
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Tax Titles:

1953	\$8.10
	65.07

Total	\$73.17
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Collected and Paid Treasurer:

(Including Interest)

1948 Personal Property	\$1.58
1949 Real Estate	19.25
1950 Personal Property	66.11
Real Estate	143.39
1951 Personal Property	801.88
Real Estate	2,175.37
Excise	101.11
1952 Poll Tax	21.58
Personal Property	1,669.34
Real Estate	8,545.39
Excise	2,291.05
1953 Poll Tax	1,151.21
Personal Property	9,376.46
Real Estate	77,062.58
Excise	11,243.21

Total	\$114,669.51
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953:

1951 Excise—Herbert Baker	\$9.37
Real Estate—Fred B. Clark Corp.	14.10
1952 Personal Property	442.40
Real Estate	3,668.82

Excise—Joseph O. Roy	3.38
Sarah Treacy	86.85
Bernard Jablonski	67.55
Floyd W. Nye	6.03
1953 Poll Tax	10.00
Personal Property	3,198.02
Real Estate	14,507.75
Excise	1,486.01
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Total	\$23,500.28

Abatements:

1946 Real Estate	\$9.20
1948 Poll Tax	2.00
Real Estate	23.00
Excise	34.75
1949 Poll Tax	6.00
Excise	3.31
1950 Poll Tax	6.00
1951 Poll Tax	14.00
Excise	60.15
1952 Poll Tax	12.00
Excise	951.17
1953 Poll Tax	140.00
Real Estate	2,910.20
Excise	987.23
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Total	\$5,159.01

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,

Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1953, balance on hand	\$186,932.26
Receipts for year	279,850.03
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	\$466,782.29

Credits

Payments for year	\$270,266.80
Jan. 1, 1954, balance on hand	196,515.49
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	\$466,782.29

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,

Treasurer.

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes 1948	\$.62
Taxes 1949	15.58
Taxes 1950	1,909.49
Taxes 1951	3,143.02
Taxes 1952	12,729.93
Taxes 1953	82,015.30
	————— \$99,813.94
Motor Excise 1951	\$71.52
Motor Excise 1952	2,533.77
Motor Excise 1953	10,751.46
	————— \$13,356.75
Real Estate and Motor Excise	
Tax Interest	626.08
Tax Fees and Costs	247.85
Dog Licenses from Town Clerk	\$647.80
Dog Licenses from County	438.38
	————— \$1,086.18
Liquor Licenses	\$4,038.00
Miscellaneous Licenses	98.33
	————— \$4,136.33
Sale of Histories	10.00
Court Fines	78.40
Library Fines	25.84
Sealer of Weights and Measures	44.00
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Refunds and Cancelled Checks	45.53

Miscellaneous Sales:

Fire Equipment	\$1.00
School Department	46.93
Damage to School Building	35.00
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	\$82.93

Water Rents	\$8,027.18
Water Miscellaneous	600.26
Sale of Lumber	3,355.00
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	\$11,982.44

Highways:

Chapter 81 1952	\$1,452.25
Chapter 81 1953	10,178.35
Chapter 90 1953, State	5,750.00
Chapter 90 1953, County	3,250.00
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	\$20,630.60

Town Road Equipment:

From State	\$30.00
From Private Parties	58.25
From Town	6,743.50
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	\$6,831.75

Live Stock Subsidy	20.00
Sanatorium Subsidy	641.43
Garbage and Rubbish	1,483.50

A. D. C., State	\$2,739.68
A. D. C., Federal	4,013.92
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	\$6,753.60

A. D.C., Federal Adm.	\$73.91
O. A. A., Federal Adm.	606.90
Disability Aid, Federal Adm.	66.75
Disability Aid, Adm. State	23.18
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	\$770.74

O. A. A., State	\$12,921.11
O. A. A., Federal	13,161.76
O. A. A., Other cities and towns	1,733.93
O. A. A., Sarah Bates Estate	736.20
	————— \$28,553.00
Disability Aid, State	\$1,191.70
Disability Aid, Federal	1,560.00
	————— \$ 2,751.70
Veterans' Aid	192.11
Post-War Rehabilitation	500.00
Withholding Tax	9,905.80
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	754.60
Retirement Fund	811.71
Loss of Taxes	105.88
Post-War School Repair Fund	9,760.00
Sanatorium Water Extension Loan	8,000.00
Interest on Loan	18.33
Sanatorium Water Extension from County	1,505.83
Income Tax	27,570.72
Meal Tax	849.11
Corporation Tax	6,245.47
Schools:	
Vocational Education	\$1,249.13
Transportation, State	3,070.50
Superintendent, State	1,799.21
Temporary Aid	3.97
Tuition from other Towns	3,007.40
Boston Wards	106.95
State Wards	702.20
	————— \$9,939.36
Trust Funds	3,708.52
	—————
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$279,850.03
	————— 186,932.26
	—————
	\$466,782.29

PAYMENTS

Moderator		\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	\$600.00	
Selectmen's Maintenance	315.34	
	—————	
		\$915.34
Collector's Salary	\$400.00	
Collector's Maintenance	463.57	
	—————	
		\$863.57
Assessors' Salaries	\$550.00	
Assessors' Maintenance	268.36	
	—————	
		\$818.36
Executive Secretary's Salary	\$775.00	
Executive Secretary's Maint.	91.73	
	—————	
		\$866.73
Accountant's Salary	\$450.00	
Accountant's Maintenance	108.91	
	—————	
		\$558.91
Treasurer's Salary	\$500.00	
Treasurer's Maintenance	244.67	
	—————	
		\$744.67
Town Clerk's Salary	\$200.00	
Town Clerk's Maintenance	308.94	
	—————	
		\$508.94
Finance Clerk		\$35.00
Elector Oliver Smith Will		\$10.00
Consultation Fee		\$250.00
 Election and Registration:		
Printing	\$41.00	
Ballot Clerks	152.00	
Loud Speaker System	195.00	

Rent of Grange Hall	100.00
Labor	40.40
Registrars	125.00
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	\$653.40

Town Sheds:

Fuel	\$161.00
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Town Hall:

Telephone and Lights	\$164.44
Fuel	117.00
Janitor	341.65
Insurance	227.20
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	\$850.29

Police Department:

Salaries	\$275.00
Labor	774.70
Equipment	46.31
Court	97.45
Telephone and Mileage	269.59
Ambulance	15.00
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	\$1,478.05

Fire Department:

Salaries	\$392.00
Labor	1,588.00
Equipment	1,090.99
Fuel	544.58
Telephone and Lights	355.13
Gas and Storage	231.14
Miscellaneous	53.31
Accident Insurance	88.50
Building Insurance	57.40
Equipment Insurance	17.00
Water Holes	218.00
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	\$4,636.05

Water Holes 1951	\$41.00
Installing Rest Room in Engine House	\$298.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$200.00
Moth Work	\$16.62
Tree Warden	\$860.15
Elm Tree Disease	\$300.00

Public Health:

Salary	\$100.00
Administration	70.66
Sanatorium	2,523.76
Animal Inspection	60.00
Slaughter Inspection	46.00
Town Dump	330.00
Town Dump Rent	200.00
Garbage	1,172.75
Rubbish	450.00
Nurse	1,325.00
Diphtheria Clinic	100.00
Well Child Clinic	261.91
	—————
	\$6,640.08

Chapter 81:

Labor	\$6,579.30
Equipment	2,719.00
Private Equipment	1,753.05
Shovel	444.00
Tar	1,927.65
Salt	133.60
Culverts	987.25
Gravel	534.50
Cement Mixer	296.70
	—————
	\$15,375.05

Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	\$1,870.55
Equipment	776.25
Private Equipment	4,700.87
Gravel	1,108.46
Lumber	98.35
Tar	1,228.88
Cement Mixer	216.66
	————— \$10,000.02

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$622.90
Equipment	371.75
Private Equipment	69.00
Gravel	366.37
Tar	820.00
	————— \$2,250.02

Chapter 90 Chesterfield Road:

Labor	\$710.95
Equipment	995.48
Private Equipment	244.00
Tar	1,449.60
	————— \$3,400.03

Bridges:

Planks	137.73
Labor	275.60
Equipment	12.00
Private Equipment	134.96
	————— \$560.29

Winter Highways:

Labor	\$5,370.85
Equipment	2,236.00
Gravel	404.76
Private Equipment	22.50
Tar	15.86
	————— \$8,049.97

Truck and Tractor:

Gas and Oil	\$1,969.71
Repairs	2,352.55
Insurance	139.84
Liability Insurance	394.45
Registration	15.00
Hydraulic Pump	115.00
Chain Links	308.80
Steel	444.73
Tires and Tubes	137.32
Paint	11.13
Labor	7.15
	—————
	\$5,895.68

Street Markers:

Posts	\$120.10
Labor	94.80
Equipment	16.00
	—————
	\$230.90

Street Lights \$2,739.97

Sidewalk Repair:

Cement	\$13.35
Asphalt	54.00
	—————
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Tool Account	\$184.10
Town Aid	\$1,839.73
Public Welfare Agent's Salary	\$1,508.57
Public Welfare Agent's Administration	\$200.00

Disability Aid Local	\$1,528.90
Disability Aid Federal	1,979.03
	—————
	\$3,507.93

A. D. C. Local	\$4,286.41
A. D. C. Federal	4,372.05
	—————
	\$8,658.46

O. A. A. Local	\$15,657.21
O. A. A. Federal	16,315.40
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	\$31,972.61

Veterans' Benefit	\$538.06
Veterans' Agent's Salary	\$150.00
Veterans' Agent's Expenses	\$150.00

School Department:

School Dept. bill 1952	\$863.23
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School Department:

Teachers' Salaries	\$53,712.63
Janitors' Salaries & Services	4,837.94
Janitors' Supplies	860.52
Drawing Teacher	616.00
Music Teacher	1,033.44
Superintendent's Salary	2,724.96
Penmanship	480.00
Clerk	1,214.87
Union Expense	203.70
Nurse's Salary	600.00
Nurse's Travel	25.16
Physicians' Salaries	400.00
Transportation	6,372.24
Fuel	1,469.79
Repairs	778.22
Sundries	417.25
Books	1,656.04
Classroom Supplies	1,008.10
Office Supplies	331.85
Athletics	884.29
Tuition	4,232.43
Lights	748.93
New Equipment	82.39
Insurance	953.38

Smith School Transportation	1,065.75
Committee's Salaries	350.00
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	\$87,059.88

From Rehabilitation Fund:

Repairs	\$2,916.78
New Equipment	2,550.05
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	\$5,466.83

From Sanders Fund:

Janitors' Supplies	\$13.61
Sundries	10.47
Office Supplies	13.75
Smith School Transportation	44.25
Religious Education	45.00
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	\$127.08

Loomis Fund:

New Equipment	\$215.41
Sundries	6.50
Repairs	7.00
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	\$228.91

Hyde Fund:

Religious Education	\$45.00
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Collins Fund:

Transportation	\$15.00
Smith School Transportation	22.00
Sundries	14.50
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	\$51.50

School Rehabilitation Fund:

Repairs	\$2,916.78
New Equipment	2,550.05
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	\$5,466.83

Haydenville Library:

Fuel	\$20.25
Building Repairs	165.25
Janitor	18.00
Lights	9.81
Librarian	78.00
Insurance	13.00
Books	94.63
	—————
	\$398.94

Recreation Commission:

Janitor	\$60.40
Band	35.00
Equipment	79.37
Hallowe'en Party	20.00
	—————
	\$194.77

Athletic Field:

Lawn Mower	\$110.10
Labor	210.00
Loam	39.68
Gas	4.40
Fence	35.81
	—————
	\$400.00

Water Department:

Salaries	\$375.00
Administration	209.07
Tar Mixture & Gravel	83.01
Truck, Crane & Shovel	215.00
Chlorinator Expense	108.74
Pump & Electricity for same	734.05
Fittings	527.64
Miscellaneous Supplies	251.58
Tools	209.23
Plywood	28.03
Wiring	67.13
Labor	2,276.62
	—————
	\$5,085.10

Underground Water Supply:

Digging Well	\$2,578.00
Wiring	559.80
Land Damage Expenses	5,571.95
	<hr/> \$8,709.75

Sanatorium Water Extension:

Certification of Notes	\$41.75
Pipe & Fittings	4,756.52
Labor & Truck	1,679.10
Shovel	1,175.25
Tar Mixture & Lumber	454.96
Gasoline & Acetylene	88.25
	<hr/> \$8,195.83

Mountain St. Cemetery	\$75.00
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Town Clocks

Insurance	\$19.75
Repairs	70.00
Lighting	21.03
Labor	80.00
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Memorial Day	150.00
Town Reports 1952	309.40
Wood Lot	8.70
Interest	291.87
Interest on Water Loan	540.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,059.62
Dog Taxes to County	608.20
Post War Rehabilitation	500.00
Retirement Fund (Town's Share)	468.01
Retirement Fund (Employee's Share)	788.41
Withholding Tax	9,718.50
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	754.60
State Park Tax	254.80

Town Accountant	45
State Audit	4.16
County Tax	8,575.54
Post War School Fund (In Haydenville Bank)	966.52
1953 Tax Refund	124.70
1952 Motor Excise Refund	336.23
1953 Motor Excise Refund	191.08
Tax Fees	350.35
Spelman Note	1,000.00
South St. Water Extension Note	500.00
New Water Supply Note	2,000.00
 New School Committee Plans:	
E. E. Anderson	\$460.00
P. B. Johnson	3,261.21
Gazette Printing Co.	190.00
Jesse A. G. Andre	496.55
	—————
	\$4,407.76
Trust Funds	213.14
 Total Payments	\$270,266.80
Balance on hand Jan 1, 1954	196,515.49
	—————
	\$466,782.29

HOWARD F. BAKER,
Town Accountant.

TRANSFERS 1953

Reserve Fund to:	
Accountant's Maintenance	\$8.91
Selectmen's Maintenance	15.34
Assessors' Maintenance	18.36
Consultation	100.00
Clerk's Maintenance	8.94

Town Accountant

Election and Registration	453.40
Town Hall	50.29
Police Maintenance	78.05
Fire Maintenance	244.05
Tree Warden	60.15
Chapter 81	.05
Bridges	60.29
Street Lights	239.97
Chapter 90	.07
Town Aid	339.73
School Department	1,285.28
Town Clocks	65.78
Public Health Adm.	40.00
Collector's Maintenance	75.00
	—————
	\$3,143.66

ASSETS

Cash	\$196,515.49
Taxes 1950	\$54.84 —
Taxes 1951	20.10
Taxes 1952	4,469.85
Taxes 1953	25,323.73 —
	————— \$29,868.52
Motor Excise 1951	\$18.74
Motor Excise 1952	1,325.86
Motor Excise 1953	3,093.72
	————— \$4,438.32
Tax Titles	213.86
Tax Possessions	192.43
Water Rents	2,256.44
Water Miscellaneous	658.30
State Aid to Highways	4,496.65
Estimated Receipts	360.26
State Park Tax	82.37

County Tax	49.22
Departmental Revenue	4,035.65
Revenue 1953	2,350.15
	—————
	\$245,517.69

LIABILITIES

Tax Fees	\$7.55
Dog Taxes	39.60
Tailings	54.33
Project 19P12	12.00
Tax Title Revenue	406.29
New School Plans	392.24
Water Surplus	8,677.34

Accounts Receivable:

A. D. C.	\$97.36
O. A. A.	1,723.93
Veterans' Benefit	54.08
Disability Aid	6.78
	—————
	\$1,882.15

Withholding Tax	989.30
Retirement Fund	103.25
Overlay 1950	1,103.94
Overlay 1951	2,607.34
Overlay 1952	2,604.75
Overlay 1953	5,594.20
Overlay Reserve	5,023.35 ✓
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	16,933.58

Motor Revenue	6,223.50
Water Revenue	2,833.24
Highway Revenue	4,496.65
Surplus and Deficiency	182,659.79
Truck and Tractor Earnings	6,837.75
Trust Funds	4,979.81

Town's Secretary's Salary			1,375.00
Town's Secretary's Maintenance			158.27
Fire House Repair			107.00
Moth Work			625.38
Dairy Inspection			150.00
Garbage Collection			227.25
Street Markers			41.77
Truck and Tractor Maintenance			430.24
Disability Aid Adm., Federal			107.85
A. D. C., Adm., Federal			134.09
O. A. A. Adm., Federal			1,131.37
A. D. C., Federal			53.55
Post War School Repair			3,326.65
Old Village Hill Cemetery			50.00
Water Maintenance			70.90
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			\$245,517.69

TRUST FUNDS

	Bal. '52	Rec'd. '53	Exp. '53	Bal. '53
Henry M. Hills	\$997.92	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$1,042.92
Collins	249.28	1,059.97	51.50	1,257.75
Whiting Street	222.12	146.32	....	368.44
Electa Waite	112.80	44.32	....	157.12
A. S. Hills	412.06	150.00	100.00	462.06
Athletic	264.10	501.50	....	765.60
Spelman	....	964.30	964.30	....
Mary Main	163.50	75.00	....	238.50
Byron Loomis	26.11	202.80	228.91	....
Ethel Curry	12.50	25.00	....	37.50
C. J. Hills	297.49	125.00	....	422.49
Lyman Waite	127.45	18.37	....	145.82
Cemetery	....	33.14	33.14	....
Sanders	87.74	162.70	127.08	23.36
Hyde	28.15	75.10	45.00	58.25



Assessors' Report

The Board of Assessors, when establishing the tax rate for 1953, have endeavored to reverse the trend of building up large cash surpluses by using all the estimated receipts which the laws allow. This has resulted in lowering the tax rate \$2.00 per thousand after an increase of \$12,471.25 in appropriation at the annual town meeting.

It is the hope of the board that by following this policy the taxpayers will not be required to pay taxes to build up a large cash balance.

During the year, a card system was established with one card for each parcel of property. These cards are being filed according to location when known. Many cards for land only remain unfiled as exact location is not known.

We the assessors earnestly request that favorable action be taken on the article to hire Gordon W. Ainsworth, Registered Land Surveyor, to make tax maps of the entire town. This will be a big step forward to establish basic records so that each year's tax list may be checked to insure that all property situated in the town is taxed.

The problem of revaluation has been discussed with various interested groups and further study is necessary before undertaking this work.

The method of computing the tax rate for the year 1953 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	\$178,899.18
Taken from available funds in 1953	38,123.33
Deficit—Year 1945	3.80
State Parks and Reservations	191.97
State Audit	41.26
County Tax	8,526.32
Overlay of Current Year	5,297.19
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$231,083.05

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Income Tax	\$23,079.69
Corporation Taxes	6,360.47
Reimbursement of Publicly Owned Land	101.32
Old Age Tax	799.68
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	14,000.00
Licenses	4,400.00
Fines	25.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Charities	4,500.00
Old Age Assistance	18,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	350.00
Schools	11,700.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	800.00
Spellman School Fund	1,000.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$85,666.16

Overestimate to be used as Available Funds	392.24
Amounts taken from Available Funds	38,128.33
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Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$124,181.73
 Net Amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property:	
Polls, 600 @ \$2.00	\$1,200.00
Total Value Personal Property \$232,746.00 @ \$54.00 per M	12,568.28
Total Value Real Estate \$1,724,686.00 @ \$54.00 per M	93,133.04
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Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$106,901.32

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BRECKENRIDGE,

PHILIP CARNALL,

VERNON P. WEST,

Assessors.

✓ Report of Water Commissioners

January 18, 1954

Last year, due to the dry weather conditions, we were forced to use our Additional Water Supply considerably. It was almost in constant use during the months of August and September, pumping a total of 10,688,700 gallons during this period. Had it not been for this additional supply, we would have had to pump from the Ashfield Stream for the reservoir would not have taken care of our water consumption. We pumped a total of 19,098,700 gallons from our well during the year, 1953.

Last November, our Land Damage Suit at the Sylvester Farm was settled in Superior Court. This Suit cost the Town of Williamsburg a total of \$4,801.53.

Our routine work was carried on as usual with ten curb boxes being replaced, five broken hydrants were repaired and three new water entrances were installed.

On the Water Shed our springs were cleaned out and the brush was cut as usual. We sold 200,004 feet of lumber to Joseph Rossi, Middletown Conn. for the sum of \$3,355.00. The lumber which is being selectively cut was marked by the State Department of Conservation.

We completed the laying of 1,650 feet of six inch cast iron pipe from Fort Hill in Haydenville to the boundaries of the Hampshire County Sanatorium. Two hydrants were placed on this line giving greater fire protection in that area, also two new water entrances were installed on this line.

Delinquent water accounts have been a serious problem to this department for many years. Last year water liens were placed on some property and in some extreme cases, water service was discontinued.

We feel the services of the Town Secretary has been most successful. She has been doing all the bookwork for this department and collecting the water rents at the Firehouse for the convience of the townspeople. We hope her services will be provided for the coming year.

We were deeply regretful of the death of Mr. Edward Beattie. He had served this department for many years. Mr. Beattie's unexpired term was filled by Mr. Robert Wells.

Mr. Robert Purnell resigned from the board in September, 1953. His term was left unoccupied for the remaining year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD R. SANDERSON, Chairman,
ROBERT WELLS

*Bad revenue
criticized - no financial statement
\$14,600 in water surplus*

 Report of Tree Warden
and Moth Superintendent

TREE WARDEN REPORT 1953

Labor & chainsaw & truck	
cutting & disposing of trees	\$382.50
Hampshire Tree & Landscaping Service	91.00
MacLeod Tree Service	192.00
Town truck & men	108.80
Town Trojan & man	27.60
Robert Mathers, chain saw	57.75

	\$859.65

Number of trees cut 10

Storm damaged limbs and trees removed.

7 dead Elms and one dead Maple must be removed
this year. Dangerous

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 1953

Spraying:

Hampshire Tree & Landscaping Service	\$195.00
Labor	16.62

	\$211.62

FRANK VAYDA,
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

✓ Library Report

The Trustees of the Haydenville Library make the following report for 1953:

Number of books December 31, 1952	3189
Number added in 1953	74

	3263
Number discarded in 1953	172

Number on hand December 31, 1953	3091
Circulation	2758
Fines collected	\$12.06

We have been serviced by the Bookmobile out of Greenfield, which stops at our Library about once in six weeks, and the Librarian is privileged to select approximately 75 books at those times, some adult fiction, some non-fiction, and a great many childrens' books which are greatly enjoyed by our young readers and eagerly awaited.

The interior of the Library was completely redecorated during 1952, and this year the floor was sanded and refinished, the work being done by Richard and Rollo Purrington. This adds greatly to the appearance of the room. An oil burner for the furnace would correct the present heating difficulties and make the Library pleasanter for its patrons as well as for the Librarian.

The account of expenditures will be found in the Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

LORA S. PHINNEY,
LULA B. SMITH,
MAUDE E. SANDERSON,
Trustees.

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the period from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

A Well Child Clinic in Williamsburg and Haydenville was held in each village school.

The Board has operated the Garbage Collection on a fee basis, as voted in the last annual Town Meeting. It is now recommended that it be put back on the old system. The Board feels the cost per contract for each individual would be to great due to the State Garbage cooking laws.

The Board has given out a large number of septic tank permits and hopes that the residents of our Town will continue to change to Septic Tanks and dry wells.

The Board has maintained careful inspections of our animals and slaughters, with the able work of our inspectors.

The eating and drinking establishments in the town were inspected four times during the last year by members of the Board of Health and the State Sanitary District Office.

The Board has eliminated a few of the private dumps and hopes that in the near future we will be able to do away with more of them.

The Board has closed the Chesterfield Road Dump this year for many reasons. The Dump would not last but another year, due to the fact that we were already dumping into the river, and filling the culvert under the road.

The Board has inserted an article in this years warrant concerning our Mountain Street Dump, and hopes that the people will cooperate in helping the board to take care of the situation.

The Board has spent a considerable amount of time on our dump situation, and has many more problems to be solved before our dumps can be operated at a minimum cost. A major problem is the people from out of town using our dumps.

The Board of Health reminds the community that all matters likely to cause disease and infection are of individual concern and public interest. Everyone has a stake in cleanliness and sanitation. It is good sense to meet standards and to ask for their enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. CHILDS, Chairman,

MARGARET NELSON,

DR. JOSEPH HOBBS.

✓ Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and holidays.

Seventeen accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Seven persons received injuries—one fatal.

Four licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of the Chief.

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Fifty-three summons served for outside departments.

One warrant served for outside departments.

Two cars reported stolen.

Two stolen cars located. One car stolen in Williamsburg and one car stolen in Greenfield.

Twenty-seven complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	5
Operating after revocation of license	1
Operating without license	1
Failing to keep to right	4
Speeding	5
Stop sign	2
Driving under influence	1
Following to close	1
Driving to endanger	1

Police Department 59

Impeded operation	1
Evading taxi fare	1
Going away after doing property damage	2
Disturbing the peace	1
Vagrancy	1

Twenty-six pleaded or was found guilty—1 found not guilty. 27 Males—No females.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS,

Chief of Police.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Dear Sirs:

During 1953, this department adjusted and inspected 113 weights and measures.

Paid Town Treasurer in fees,	\$40.60
Paid Town Treasurer in fees outstanding,	
1952	3.40
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	\$44.00

Appropriation \$100.00
Labor, transportation, etc. \$100.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. TAYLOR,

Sealer.

Report of the School Building Committee

At a special Town Meeting held on the evening of October 27, 1953 the town voted to raise an appropriation, the sum of \$360,000 to build a six room elementary school with a large gym and cafeteria.

On the evening of December 10, 1953 this Committee was given the power to build this school. This meeting also voted to name this school the Anne T. Dunphy School. At this same meeting it was voted to take the necessary land to place the school behind the Town Hall.

Three members of the Building Committee, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mr. Outhuse, and the Superintendent of Schools Mr. Merritt met with Mr. John Marshall in Boston on January 28, 1954. During this meeting Mr. Marshall approved the plans and stated that we should ask for bids as soon as possible. When the building is constructed to these plans, Williamsburg will be eligible for a state construction grant of \$178,000.

At 2:00 p. m. on the same day this group met with Mr. Dine and the Emergency Finance Board. After this meeting they assured us that our request for borrowing outside the town limit would be granted.

During the month of February, Mr. Paul B. Johnson the architect will have the plans and specifications ready for the contractors to bid on. The Committee hopes to have this project started during the month of April.

We wish to thank the townspeople for their loyal support and patience with this Committee.

3950- NORMAN F. GRAVES, Chairman

1090- MERTON BICKFORD

GEORGE CHILDS

DONALD FARNSWORTH

GEORGE FEIKER

ELMER NUTTING

ROLLO PURRINGTON

Civil Defense

Dr. John F. Winnie has volunteered to have the boy scouts help in Civil Defense when they are needed.

It is the opinion of the C. D. Director that the Town of Williamsburg thinks that all the State wants us to do is to organize for protection against bombing. Our industries aren't that important. Our main responsibility is to prepare to take care of the homeless and injured.

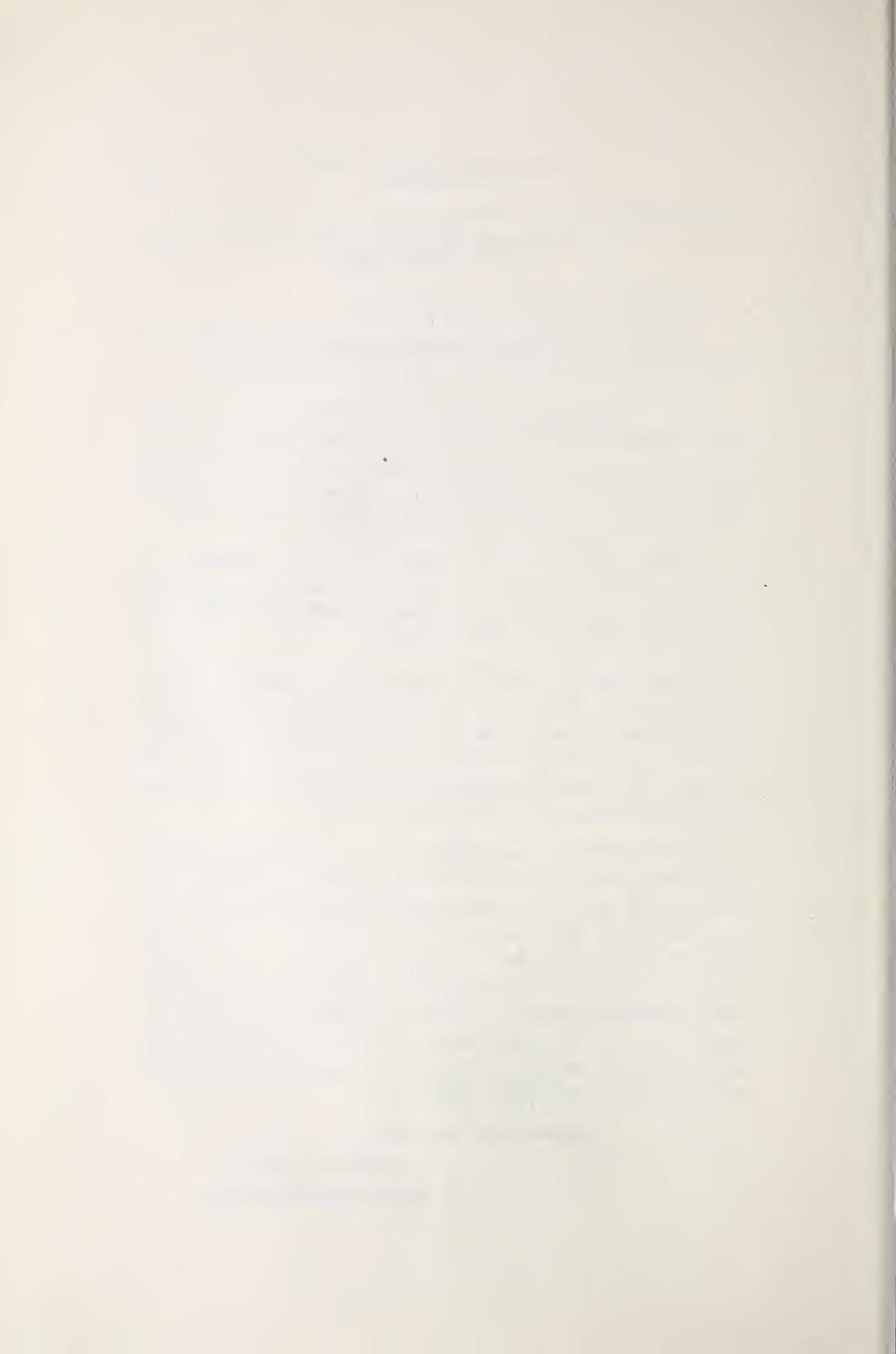
When the Town first appointed a Civil Defense Director, the Grange offered their Hall as an evacuation center so your Director is declaring both the Town and the Grange Hall evacuation Centers.

After talking with Dr. Hobbs concerning the usage of the Grange Hall as an emergency hospital to help relax the load of work that the Cooley Dickinson Hospital would have during wartime, it was decided that the Grange Hall would be appropriate for the job. Dr. Hobbs is willing to help along with these duties.

Your Director has talked to two of the local nurses concerning being supervisor and assistant supervisor of nurses and gave them some material concerning the organization of the program. They haven't, as yet, committed themselves as to their willingness to recruit, train and organize personnel for the Hospital branch of the evacuation center. If they do decide to help in this capacity, your Director hopes the Town will give them good response as they will need personnel to train to be nurse's aides, attendants and the like.

Respectively submitted,

DAVID F. ROSS,
Civil Defense Director.



✓ ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Warren E. McAvoy, Chairman, Te. 4663	1954
Kenneth W. Sherk, Secretary, Tel. 295	1956
Norman F. Graves, Tel. 248	1955
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Tel. 260	1956
Mrs. Ruth Emrick	1954

SUPERINTENDENT

Lucius A. Merritt Office, High School	Tel. 229 Tel. 4421
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SUPERVISOR OF ART

Raymond T. Drew, Haydenville

SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Rinehart System directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Koss

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Olive A. Healy, West Chesterfield	Tel. 2355
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg	Tel. 266
Dr. Charles Wheeler, Haydenville	Tel. 260

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Barbara Swanda, Williamsburg	Tel. 572
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SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg	Tel. 4762
Charles Sabo, Williamsburg	Tel. 3581

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

At call of Superintendent

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. 4421

TEACHERS

	Tel.
Principal, Anne T. Dunphy: Latin, Civics Haydenville	4781
Peter P. Ball: Science 30 City View Ave., W. Springfield	4-3648
Robert M. Branch: Math., History 61 Meadow Street, Florence	105-J
Mrs. Frances M. Grinnell: Commercial 32 Conz Street, Northampton	1348
Mrs. Lula B. Smith: English Haydenville	282
Earl F. Tonet: History, French, Athletic Coach 29 Maple Street, Florence	3079-W
Principal, Edith D. Foster: Grade 7, Williamsburg	4211
Martha L. Dickerman: Grade 8, 106 Main St., Spencer	8391
Nelle A. Dolan: Grade 6, Haydenville	3693
Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge: Grade 5, Williamsburg	525
Mrs. Eleanor Soden: Grade 4, Williamsburg	3557
Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn: Grade 3, Williamsburg	3891
Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom: Grade 2, Haydenville	4256
Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton: Grade 1, Williamsburg	537

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL**Tel. 4912****TEACHERS**

Principal, Margaret Trainor: Grades 7 and 8
Haydenville

Mrs. Marion Hickey:	Grade 6, Haydenville	4301
Mrs. Priscilla Kostek:	Grades 4 and 5, Haydenville	4733
Mrs. Ruth Nash:	Grade 3, Williamsburg	3755
Mrs. Doris Tilley:	Grade 2, Williamsburg	4485
Mary Crampton:	Grade 1, Haydenville	

SCHOOL CALENDAR**1954-1955**

Wednesday, September 8, 1954	Schools open
Tuesday, October 12, 1954	Columbus Day All schools closed
Friday, October 15, 1954	Franklin County Teachers' Conference Schools closed.
Thursday, November 11, 1954	Armistice Day Schools closed.
Wednesday, November 24, 1954	Thanksgiving recess Schools close at regular time.
Monday, November 29, 1954	Schools open
Friday, December 17, 1954	Christmas vacation Schools close at regular time
Monday, January 3, 1955	Schools open
Friday, February 18, 1955	Winter vacation Schools close at regular time
Monday, February 28, 1955	Schools open
Friday, April 8, 1955	Good Friday Schools closed
Friday, April 15, 1955	Spring vacation Schools close at regular time
Monday, April 25, 1955	Schools open
Monday, May 31, 1955	Memorial Day Schools closed
Friday, June 10, 1955	Elementary schools close for summer
Thursday, June 16, 1955	High School graduation
Friday, June 17, 1955	High School closes

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1953

				16 yrs. or over
Williamsburg	5-7	7-16		
Boys	18	95		13
Girls	14	93		15
	—	—	—	
Total	32	188	28	248
Haydenville				
Boys	16	86	10	
Girls	13	80	5	
	—	—	—	
Total	29	166	15	210
Combined Total	61	354	43	458

WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Salary Schedule

Year	No Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Masters Degree	Incre- ments
1.	\$2500	\$2700	\$2900	....
2.	2800	3000	3200	\$300
3.	3100	3300	3500	300
4.	3300	3500	3700	200
5.	3500	3700	3900	200
6.	3700	3900	4100	200
7.	3850	4050	4250	150
8.	4000	4200	4400	150
9.	4150	4350	4550	150
10.	4300	4500	4700	150

1. Teachers must obtain two professional credit hours approved by the Superintendent of Schools every two years for which \$40 will be given each year until a maximum of \$200 is earned.

2. After that, professional study must be made every three years of two credit hours to hold the maximum bonus of \$200 for professional credit.
3. Ten years' experience will give credit for a Bachelor's degree on this schedule.
4. This schedule is to become effective September 1, 1954

It was voted to accomplish all adjustments in the salary schedule within the next three years.

Adopted by the
Williamsburg School Committee
December 2, 1953

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS**YEAR 1953**

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources	\$92,889.20
Income on Account of Schools:	
1. General School Fund	\$21,919.53 —
2. Transportation Reimbursement, Chapter 679	3,070.50
3. Smith's School Reimbursement (Include industrial training, etc.)	1,249.13
4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen, Conway	3,007.40
5. Superintendent's Reimburse- ment	1,799.21
6. State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	702.20
7. Boston Wards' Tuition and Transportation	106.95
8. Cash Sent to Treasurer	46.93
9. Collins School Fund	1,059.97
10. Ethel Curry Fund	25.00
11. Spelman School Fund	964.30
12. Sanders School Fund	162.70
13. Hyde School Fund	75.10
14. Helen E. James School Fund	
15. Byron Loomis School Fund	202.80
Total Income	\$34,391.72
Net Expenditures from Local Taxation	\$58,497.48

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

Greetings:

Herewith is submitted our report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

This report supplements other school reports which we urge you to read and study.

Our School Union represented by the Towns of Worthington, Chesterfield and Williamsburg voted to invite the Towns of Westhampton and Southampton to join us thus forming a five (5) town union which we feel is sound economically and educationally. This action was approved by the State Board of Education and we look forward to our first annual meeting for the review of the accomplishments of the year and the methods of operating the various school systems.

Your Committee has come to the end of its first year as a five-member board necessitated by the acute and intricate problems which face the people of this era as evidenced by our attendance at twenty-nine (29) regular and special meetings. Mr. Robert C. Soderberg and Mr. Kenneth W. Sherk were elected to enlarge the Committee. Mr. Soderberg purchased a home closer to his employment and by virtue of leaving town a vacancy was created in the Committee.

Your Committee, pursuant to the General Laws, met with the Board of Selectmen to fill this vacancy and Mrs.

Ruth B. Emrick was elected as a member of the School Committee until the next annual Town Meeting.

During the summer Mrs. Emrick was taken ill and has been able to meet with the Committee but twice since the schools opened this fall. It is most unfortunate for her and for the Town that she fell ill as her keen interest contributed to our maintaining a constructive and sound system.

Due to requests for more classroom space, we partitioned the auditorium of the Helen E. James School building making two new rooms. This action was sanctioned by the vote of the Town and by Mr. James J. Lane, State Building Inspector. We are fortunate that the Department of Public Safety allows such latitude and enters such a welcome spirit of cooperation which allows us to use so completely the whole of our building. A letter from Mr. Lane concerning the school building was received as follows:

1. Please be advised that room in the basement providing for use as classrooms will not be certified.
2. Your attention is respectfully called to the two rooms in the basement used as classrooms. These rooms were certified a number of years ago with the understanding that it would be temporary and provisions would be made for those additional pupils. It is my opinion that a reasonable time has elapsed for this provision.

Signed * State Building Inspector, James J. Lane.

We are gratefully indebted to the Five-Man Rehabilitation Fund Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. William B. Culver. They have been most understanding of the needs of the schools in Williamsburg and Haydenville and without them and their resources we would have had to appear before the Town in a special

meeting for funds to carry out our 'emergency endeavors'; new classrooms and fixtures, furniture, repairs and new equipment.

We wish to publicly thank our Superintendent, Mr. L. A. Merritt for his patient understanding and timely guidance; and to the Faculty, whose conscientious and diligent work, and patience under crowded conditions cause a reflection of success to honor our school system; and to the janitors for their splendid cooperation and foresight in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds in a very economical manner.

The success of the work of the School Committee in promoting and furthering a well-rounded educational system in Haydenville and Williamsburg schools is due first hand to the cooperation and support of you, the citizens, of the respective communities and you are to be commended for your interest.

STUDY THE REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. LOOK WELL TO THE FUTURE.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY, Chairman

School Committee

Names	Net Paid	Retirement	Tax	Withholding	Blue Cross	Expended
Anne T. Dunphy	\$2,823.16	\$181.68	\$592.00		\$36.60	\$3,633.44
Robert M. Branch	2,775.90	154.34	84.20		72.60	3,087.04
Nancy J. Carson	1,260.00	80.00	233.60		26.40	1,600.00
Lula B. Smith	799.70	50.00	201.60		20.70	1,072.00
Kenneth A. Wheeler	1,361.12	86.64	259.20		26.40	1,733.36
Peter P. Ball, Jr.	668.56	41.68	123.30			833.44
Earl F. Tonet	2,780.05	176.25	569.00			3,525.30
Frances Grinnell	2,461.12	146.64	—	325.60		2,933.36
Martha L. Dickerman	2,323.39	148.51	457.70		30.60	2,970.20
Edith D. Foster	2,622.11	153.51	210.50		84.00	3,070.12
Nelle A. Dolan	2,552.84	147.89	227.10		30.60	2,958.43
Dorothy R. Colburn	2,225.96	141.68	435.20		30.60	2,833.44
Margaret Breckenridge	2,163.35	135.15	404.90			2,703.40
Sophia D. Eaton	2,225.96	141.68	435.20		30.60	2,833.44
Eleanor Soden	164.15	10.95	43.80			218.90
Priscilla Kostek	2,055.96	128.36	382.40			2,566.72
Margaret E. Trainor	2,513.00	152.32	344.80		36.60	3,046.72
Marion C. Hickey	2,122.16	141.68	569.60			2,833.44
Ruth Nash	1,921.56	128.36	516.80			2,566.72

Mary E. Crampton	2,357.96	141.68	303.20	30.60	2,833.44
Doris Tilley	1,842.76	128.36	516.80	78.80	2,566.72
Gertrude Ranstrom	674.20	45.00	180.00		900.00
Substitutes:					
Mrs. Hazel Warner	144.00			144.00	
Mrs. Evelyn Kmit	99.00			99.00	
L. R. McKusick	9.00			9.00	
	42,956.97	2,662.36	7,417.20	535.10	53,571.63
Handicapped children					
Mrs. Jean J. Snow	100.50			100.00	
Ann Bassett	40.50			40.50	
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Teachers' Salaries	\$43,097.97	\$2,662.36	\$7,417.20	\$535.10	\$53,712.63
Superintendent					
L. A. Merritt	2,056.58	159.18	399.40	109.80	2,724.96
Janitors					
H. M. Bisbee	2,371.40			82.80	2,454.20
Charles Sabo	2,016.20				2,167.80
David A. Nuttelman	15.45				15.45

School Committe

School Committee

Rolfe Bryant	2.25				
James A. Evans, Jr.	5.25				
Frank Vayda	5.00				
R. Bisbee	58.45				
David Smith	3.60				
M. Bisbee	15.04				
H. M. Bisbee, Jr.	5.00				
Robert Weeks	40.00				
Twin Cedar Nursery	48.00				
Ronald Packard	4.40				
Robert Weeks	13.50				
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	\$4,603.54				
Drawing Teacher					
Raymond T. Drew	518.80	30.80	66.40		616.00
Music Teacher					
Olive A. Healy	883.96	51.68	67.20	30.60	1,033.44
Pennmanship					
Rinehardt Handwriting System	480.00				
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	\$151.60				
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	\$82.80				
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	\$4,837.94				

			School Committee	79
Clerk				
Helen Baldwin	617.40	62.60		
Mrs. Edith Bowie	30.00		30.00	
Mrs. John Brinn	345.50		345.50	
Frances Grinnell	108.37		108.37	
Mary J. Curtiss	51.00		51.00	
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	\$1,152.27	62.60		\$1,214.87
Nurse				
Mrs. Barbara W. Swanda	478.00	122.00		600.00
Committee's Salary				
Norman F. Graves	50.00		50.00	
Robert C. Soderberg	12.50		12.50	
Mrs. Ruth Emrick	37.50		37.50	
Eleanor W. Ballway	50.00		50.00	
Kenneth W. Sherk	50.00		50.00	
Warren E. McAvoy	120.00	30.00	150.00	
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	\$320.00	30.00		350.00
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	\$53,591.12	\$2,904.02	\$8,316.40	\$758.30
				\$65,569.84

Janitors' Supplies:

Leon A. Tiley	\$7.53
Acme Chemical Company	185.34
Foster Farrar Company	62.40
Arthur M. Condon	222.50
R. F. Burke	46.17
Parsons Electric Company	2.42
Thacker Craig Paper Company	211.40
Reardon Brothers	56.14
Bisbee Brothers	6.05
F. N. Graves & Son Inc.	10.60
J. I. Holcomb Company	21.30
Alpha Chemical Company	26.45
Federal Supply Company	2.22

	\$860.52

Union Expenses:

L. A. Merritt	\$203.70

	\$203.70

Nurse's Travel Expense:

Mrs. Barbara W. Swanda	\$25.16

	\$25.16

Physician's Salaries:

J. R. Hobbs, M. D.	\$250.00
Charles H. Wheeler, M. D.	150.00

	\$400.00

Transportation:

F. N. Graves & Son, Inc.	\$4,150.00
Henry H. Snyder Inc.	1,294.24
Mrs. Barbara C. Smart	650.00
Frank Vayda	173.00
Harold Mollison	61.75
Mrs. Olive Gagnon	34.25
H. Merrill Bisbee (Music Festival Driver)	9.00

	\$6,372.24

Fuel:

Williamsburg Fuel Company	\$1,461.79
Fred G. Dewey	8.00
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	\$1,469.79

Repairs:

Cinema Centre	\$4.59
Arthur M. Condon	259.42
Movie Center	15.70
Bisbee Brothers	45.49
F. N. Graves & Son Inc.	34.70
Foster Farrar Company	4.21
O. I. Hayes	6.00
B. E. Crowley	33.44
J. L. Hammett Company	10.75
F. C. Taplan Company	30.40
Everon P. Pollen	17.90
Northampton Commercial College	55.25
H. B. Smith Company	8.18
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company	42.35
H. J. Croteau Hardware Company	1.68
Margaret Trainor	34.00
Karl's	41.10
Frank Vayda	5.00
LaFleur Brothers	105.79
Ditto Inc.	13.56
A. H. Luce	4.11
Parsons Electric Company	4.60
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	\$778.22

Sundries:

Town of Williamsburg	\$80.00
P. F. Corbin Division	7.54
Chuck's Radio Shop	15.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Company	247.23
Frank Smith	8.30
Henry H. Snyder Inc.	1.00

Olive A. Healy	2.00
Warren E. McAvoy	9.00
Packard's Soda Shoppe	22.38
Anne T. Dunphy	8.80
Donald Otis	5.00
Frank Vayda	11.00
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	\$417.25

Athletics:

Maida Riggs	\$30.00
James McDonald	30.00
Mass. Headmaster's Association	10.00
Joseph O'Connor	14.00
Harold Myers	50.00
Northampton Sporting	
Goods Company	64.25
Mrs. Angelo Tonet	1.50
Charles MacDonald	60.00
Betty Lawson	7.50
Dorothy Bemis	7.50
Michael McKeon	4.50
O'Brien's Drug Store	7.50
Rita Benson	7.50
Raymond Boyer	10.00
Richard Purrington	2.76
T. A Purseglove Company	228.45
Smith's Agricultural School	36.00
National Schoolcrafters	8.08
Mrs. Chester Kmit	117.68
Ramon Sears	10.32
Thomas Crowe, M. D.	5.00
Earl F. Tonet	54.16
Gazette Printing Company	4.75
Sincage Printing Company	4.00
James Johnson	1.44
E. T. Woodbury	15.30
Frank Smith	25.38

School Committee

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Donald Baldwin	11.64
Colonial Cleaners	34.08
James Squires	21.00
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\$884.29

Classroom Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Company	779.95
Anne T. Dunphy	40.00
R. P. Alexander Company	89.48
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	6.77
Today's Secretary of Business	
Educational World	3.00
World Book Company	20.58
F. N. Graves & Son Inc.	1.00
Harlow & Fennessey	.70
Northampton Commercial College	3.00
Haskell & Gilbert	6.74
Cambosco Scientific Company	19.87
The Weavers	8.54
Ladd Visual Service	.49
Lorenz Publishing Company	4.24
C. F. Williams	1.47
Ditto Inc.	17.77
Reuel K. Rust	4.00
Arthur D. Baker	.50
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\$1,008.10

Lights:

Northampton Electric Lighting Co.	748.93
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\$748.93

Office Expenses:

Gazette Printing Company	\$150.63
Daily Hampshire Gazette	44.75
American School Board Journal	3.00
J. L. Hammett Company	9.42
W. S. Smith, Postmaster	55.20
Ditto, Inc.	5.30

School Committee

Haskell & Gilbert	10.50
Sincage Printing	30.00
Wright & Potter	5.30
Cascade Paper Company	4.60
Harlow & Fennessey	11.65
Northampton Commercial College	1.50

	\$331.85

Tuition:

Smith's Agricultural School	\$4,232.43	\$4,232.43
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Insurance:

Damon Insurance Agency	\$953.38	\$953.38
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Transportation—Vocational:

Henry H. Snyder, Inc.	\$96.50
Victor Ingellis	157.00
Western Mass. Bus Lines	283.75
Leon Burt	134.00
Edward Crotty	55.50
Nettie S. Graves	90.50
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr.	248.50

	\$1,065.75

Total Expenditures from School Budget	\$87,059.88
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Rehabilitation Fund:

Repairs:

Bisbee Brothers, (new doors, Haydenville)	\$279.00
Myron F. Clark, (new doors, Haydenville)	152.00
Everon P. Pollen, (hot water, Haydenville)	300.00
H. L. Childs & Son, (painting exterior and auditorium, Haydenville)	1,960.50

Lawler, The Steeplejack, (Painting flagpoles, Haydenville and Williamsburg)	60.00
Everon Pollen, (toilet seats)	69.00
Everon Pollen, (wall drinking fountain, Williamsburg)	49.37
Myron F. Clark, (repair walk, Williamsburg)	293.00
T. H. Todd Company, (window shades, Haydenville)	252.00
Foster-Farrar Company, (hedge- shears, Williamsburg)	73.51
	—————
	\$3,488.38

New Equipment:

Cascade Paper Co., (classroom desks, tables, teachers desks and chairs)	\$1,122.88
J. L. Hammett Co., (classroom desks and blackboards)	1,034.06
Royal Typewriter Company, (two typewriters)	250.00
Robert H. Nye, (wiring and fixtures)	419.60
F. C. Taplan Company, (snowplow and chains)	394.00
	—————
	\$3,220.54
Total committed from Rehabilitation Fund	\$6,708.92

Trust Funds—Sanders Fund:

Janitors' Supplies	\$13.61
Sundries	10.47
Office Supplies	13.75
Smith's School Transportation	44.25
	—————
	\$82.08

Loomis Fund:

New Equipment	\$215.41
Sundries	6.50
Repairs	7.00
	—————
	\$228.91

Collins Fund:

Transportation	\$15.00
Smith's School Transportation	22.00
Sundries	14.50
	—————
	\$51.50

Total expenses for support of schools committed to Dec. 31, 1953	\$94,131.29
Less commitments not cleared against Rehabilitation Fund by Dec. 31, 1953	1,242.09

Net payments for support of schools Dec. 31, 1953	\$92,889.20
Appropriations by Town Meeting	\$85,774.60
Appropriations to Rehabilitation Committee	8,793.48
Transfers from Trust Funds	362.49
Transferred by the Finance Committee January 12, 1954	1,285.28
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	\$96,215.85
Less expenditures	92,889.20
	—————
Balance in Rehabilitation Fund Dec. 31, 1953	\$3,326.65

Expenditure for support of Public Day Schools exclusive
of General Control for School Year ending June 30,
1953 (as per State report)

1-8 8-12

Per pupil in average membership of	
Elementary 8-4 schools, Williamsburg	\$150.32
Towns less than 5,000 population main-	\$305.75
taining High Schools our class, Group	
III	\$169.12
	\$322.94

Books—High School:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$37.75
McGraw Hill Company	14.30
McMurray Company	2.53
Hewig Company	4.50
National Education Association	1.57
American Book Company	112.90
South-Western Publishing Co.	77.76
Benton Review	11.66
Allyn & Bacon Company	72.13
Ginn & Company	35.03
Oxford Book Company	12.31
Prentice Hall Company	6.54
Follett Publishing Company	1.15
Scott & Foresman Company	7.85
	397.98

Books—Grades:

Ginn & Company	\$39.06
Scott Foresman Company	650.55
Boston Music Company	9.74
Iroquois Publishing Company	41.14
Lyons & Carnahan Company	43.43
Lorenz Publishing Company	38.46
Eldridge Publishing Company	12.61
The MacMillan Company	2.71

School Committee

Century Press	7.17
Houghton Mifflin Company	171.42
The John C. Winston Company	21.80
American Book Company	56.73
J. B. Lippincott Company	46.87
Row Peterson Company	40.44
World Book Company	6.66
Margaret E. Trainor	1.25
Prentice Hall Company	3.92
Expression Company	2.52
University of Illinois	2.12
C. E. Merrill Company	8.21
D. C. Heath Company	20.15
Follett Publishing Company	24.78
American Book Company	4.17
Vintage Press	2.15

	\$1,258.06

New Equipment:

Baltzer Tree Service	\$36.90
Arthur M. Condon	21.00
Standard Duplicating Machine Co.	2.59
Walter F. Tetro	21.90

	\$82.39

✓ Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the thirty-third of the present series and the fifty-second since the formation of this school union. It is also the first report for the new Union No. 58.

An important change was made during the year when an historic chain of events caused the organization of a new school union. Easthampton withdrew from Union No. 20. Southampton and Westhampton then applied for admission into our union. At a meeting held April 25, 1953, the school committees of Williamsburg, Chesterfield, Worthington, Southampton, and Westhampton met at the Chesterfield Hotel where an excellent roast turkey dinner was provided by the Chesterfield Committee under the direction of the secretary, Mrs. Raymond Wisner. At the meetings which followed the dinner, the Union No. 43 committee invited Southampton and Westhampton to join with them in forming a new union of five towns. The invitation was accepted and the new union organized. Mr. Roswell Merritt of Chesterfield was elected chairman, and Mrs. Henriette Miller of Westhampton was elected secretary. Under new business the superintendent of schools was elected for three years. The meeting then adjourned.

Since these towns are not too different in size and have similar problems, this new district should be a benefit to all of them. We have already formed an elementary principals' committee from the six elementary schools.

This committee will work with the superintendent, and will consider first the social studies program. It will also review the whole grade program as well as study building and playground management. The recommendations of this committee should be of great benefit to the various school departments.

Another very important event of the school year was the final approval by the voters of a new elementary building. This building is planned for grades 1-6 and is to cost \$360,000. It will contain six classrooms, a cafeteria, and a gymnasium large enough for high school and community use. The request for a gymnasium is finally fulfilled after many years. This new building has been needed for a number of years and will be of great help in developing our changing program. It has been named the Anne T. Dunphy School in honor of our high school principal.

After much study and discussion the school department agreed that the best educational system for Williamsburg is the so-called 6-6 plan. This will divide the program into six elementary grades and six secondary grades. Eventually there will be a six-grade elementary school in each village and a junior-senior high school at Williamsburg. Under this plan all pupils in grades 7 through 12 will be enrolled in the high school building. The study of other six-year high schools indicates that an improved plan of secondary education can be offered through this six-year program.

During the year three new classrooms were opened in the elementary schools. The purpose in doing this was to eliminate, in so far as possible, classrooms with two grades, or with split grades. A new room was equipped at Haydenville and a teacher transferred to that school. We now have six rooms in operation there. Four of the teachers have single grades and two of them double

grades. The Helen E. James auditorium was divided into two more classrooms during the fall. Grade eight was moved from the high school section to the west room, and grade seven was assigned to the east room. Grade four was changed to the room in the basement where grade seven had been. Now all elementary teachers at Williamsburg have single grades, and another classroom has been made available for the work of the high school. Two new teachers have been employed in order to provide teaching service for the new classes. This single grade system should make for improved teaching in all grades.

A new teachers' salary schedule was adopted by the School Committee on December 2, 1953. The new schedule sets a new minimum of \$2500 a year and a new maximum salary of \$4700 per year. During this period of shortage of teachers, it should be of great help in securing competent and well-trained teachers for our schools. The complete schedule is printed on another page.

There were two teachers who left our service in June. Miss Nancy Carson who had taught English in High school gave up teaching for other work. Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, our science teacher, resigned and is now teaching in the eastern part of the state. To fill the English vacancy, Mrs. Fred L. Smith of Haydenville was appointed. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Smith College and has had several years of teaching experience in Greenfield and other towns. Mr. Peter P. Ball of West Springfield was secured for the science position. Mr. Ball is a graduate of A.I.C. and is a science major.

Two new elementary teachers were added to our staff during the year. Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom of Haydenville was assigned to teach grade 2 in Williamsburg. This was to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mrs. Priscilla Kostek to Haydenville. Mrs. Ramstrom received her

bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State Teachers' College and has had experience in Chesterfield and Haydenville. When the new grade 4 was formed, Mrs. Eleanor Soden of Williamsburg was secured to teach that grade. Mrs. Soden is a graduate of Jamaica Training School in New York City, and has had experience in Long Island, Chesterfield and Haydenville. These teachers have done well in the work assigned to them and are excellent members of our faculty.

The organization of the high school in September was as follows: Principal, Anne T. Dunphy, two classes in Latin, one in civics and local history, and the work in guidance; Robert Branch, four classes in mathematics, two in U. S. History, audio-visual education; Peter P. Ball, six classes in science; Mrs. Lula Smith, five classes in English, one in speech, assembly programs; Mrs. Frances Grinnell, three classes in typewriting, one in shorthand, one in junior business, one in bookkeeping, and director of school publications; Earl Tonet, two in French, one in problems of democracy, world geography, world history, driver training, coach of boys' athletics; Olive Healy, one in chorus and one in orchestra. The coach of girls' basketball is Mrs. Evelyn Kmit.

There are three plans of study offered in the high school program. Students may select the college course, the general course or the commercial course. Pupils who are near the age when they may get their operator's licences are given a course in driver training. Audio-visual aids to education are used whenever possible. Activities which students may take part in are boys' and girls' athletics, glee club, orchestra, debating, school plays and school publications. The school operates on a one-session plan from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. each school day. The tuition rate for 1953-1954 is \$200 per year.

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams are looking forward to having the new gymnasium to use for practice and games. Each team has worked hard and is playing fine basketball. Much credit is due the coaches, Mr. Tonet for the boys' team, and Mrs. Kmit for the girls' team, for the excellent training these teams have received. Thanks are extended to Smith's School for its help in providing a place for our games again this year.

The opening of two new classrooms at Williamsburg and one new one at Haydenville changed the grade assignments during the year. The final arrangements of classes were completed in November.

The Helen E. James School was organized as follows: Principal Mrs. Edith Foster, grade seven; Miss Martha Dickerman, grade 8; Miss Nelle Dolan, grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, grade 5; Mrs. Eleanor Soden, grade 4; Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, grade 3; Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, grade 2; and Mrs. Sophia Eaton, grade one.

The Haydenville School had the work arranged as follows: Miss Margaret Trainor, principal and grades 7 and 8; Mrs. Marion Hickey, grade 6; Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, grades 4 and 5; Mrs. Ruth Nash, grade 3; Mrs. Doris Tilley, grade 2; and Miss Mary Crampton, grade 1.

The supervisors of special subjects were Miss Olive Healy in music, Mr. Raymond Drew in drawing, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koss in penmanship.

The teachers serving this community are well trained for work they have to do. They are deeply interested in the successful development of each child who comes to them for instruction. The best of cooperation between the parent and the teacher is needed if the child's school experience is to be a successful one.

The work of the health department has been directed by Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Charles H. Wheeler as school physicians. Dr. Glade P. Hall has served as dentist, and Mrs. Barbara Swanda as school nurse. The usual examinations, eye and ear tests, and clinics have been completed. The health of the children is reported as good. The protection of the health of our children is necessary for their success in school.

The school committee has again provided vocational and trade training at Smith's School this year. Twenty-six pupils have been in attendance there and in the majority of cases are making satisfactory progress. The school committee pays tuition and furnishes transportation for those pupils who wish to take advantage of this training.

Maintaining clean and efficient school buildings is a never-ending task for our janitors. The continual traffic of many children entering and leaving each building several times a day necessitates sweeping and cleaning all the time. Added to this problem is the firing of coal-burning boilers which require the shovelling of 100 tons of coal in one building and about 45 tons in the other. Plans should be made to replace these boilers with oil-burning equipment as soon as it can be brought about. However, our janitors who are dependable and responsible men do an excellent job and deserve our appreciation.

Transportation has been furnished on the following routes: the North district, the Chesterfield Road, Haydenville and Mountain Street, South Street, and Nash Street. During the summer Mrs. Harold Smart was awarded the contract to carry the children on the Nash Street and South Street routes. Tickets are furnished to 26 Smith's School pupils who ride on the street railway buses. One hundred and thirty-nine pupils have been transported.

The local buses cover 75.6 miles per day. The good, safe service provided by our operators deserves our commendation.

For the administrative work of the superintendent of schools of this five-town union, the present office is too small to be efficient. It is hoped that the new office planned for in the new building will have adequate space and equipment for doing the important work required of a superintendent of schools. This office should be the best in the system.

Free public schools have through many years provided the spark that has made our nation the great democracy that it is today. The belief in equal opportunities for all has been brought to all children through our system of universal education. In this new year may we continue to work for more and better education for all of the children of this great country.

To teachers, parents, pupils and all others connected with the schools, I extend my sincere thanks for the loyal cooperation I have had during 1953.

My work with the members of the School Committee has been interesting and pleasant. May I extend to them my appreciation and thanks for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. MERRITT,

Superintendent of Schools.

 School Nurse

Mr. Lucius A. Merritt
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1953 through December 31, 1953.

Dr. Joseph Hobbs was assisted in physical examinations of all pupils in Williamsburg, and no defects were found.

Dr. Charles Wheeler was assisted in physical examinations of all pupils in Haydenville. One child was sent to the orthopedic clinic in Springfield. No other defects were found.

One child has been sent to a speech clinic and placed in a foster home. This was done with the aid of Mr. Barry of the Children's Aid Association. This child was also taught a few hours a week by Mrs. D. Clary Snow before going to the clinic.

Several pupils were found to have very poor lunches. With the cooperation of the teachers and Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C., I was able to establish some improvement. The lunches of all children are checked during the year by myself.

All children were tested in Haydenville with the audiometer. Several defects were found and these have all had treatment. All the Williamsburg pupils were tested with the audiometer and found to be all right.

Vision-testing was done on the pupils in grades 1, 5, 6, and 7. Eight children were retested and found to have defects. After notices were sent to the parents, these defects were corrected either with glasses or by removing glasses where proper correction had been made.

Pupils of grades 1 and 2 and some of the older ones were vision-tested in Haydenville. Several were retested and nine slips were sent home. These children have had examinations by optometrists and most of them are wearing glasses.

It is my hope that some group in either town will purchase a Massachusetts vision-testing machine for the schools of Williamsburg. If we own such a machine, it will be possible to give the eye tests early in September of each school year. This early test is very important to children who might need glasses in order to do their school work. Under the present system, the machine is borrowed from the State Health Department, and because they own only a few machines we have to wait until late in the year to get one to use. Since this test is rather complicated and takes considerable time, it would be a great help in our work if we had a machine available at all times.

Six children were taken to the County Sanitorium in Leeds to be X-rayed.

Four boys and four girls were sent to Camp Hodgkins where they all seemed to gain weight.

All children in both schools were weighed and measured.

Several cases of mumps were reported in Haydenville and Williamsburg.

Several children were treated for minor cuts and bruises in both towns. One child was treated in Dr. Wheeler's office.

The Mothers' Club of Williamsburg graciously donated milk for one family from March 26th until school closed in June. Now the children carry milk through the efforts of Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C.

Dr. Glade Hall, the dentist, is again working in Williamsburg. To December 31, 1953, he had completed 82 operations.

Dr. Charles Wheeler held an immunization clinic in Haydenville. This was for both pre-school and school children. Many of the older children received their booster shot.

Dr. Joseph Hobbs also held an immunization clinic in Williamsburg. This was well attended by both pre-school and school children.

At each school visit, a conference was held with each teacher.

Miss Welch, State Nursing Supervisor from Amherst, has visited me several times. She has been most helpful, especially in the revision of the monthly report sheet. It is my regret that she has been transferred to Boston.

Many conferences were held with Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C.

One child in Williamsburg received treatment from Dr. Hobbs in his office.

Many home visits were made and most of the parents were very cooperative.

Several children from Williamsburg were taken home because of illness.

During the months of October and November, I spent four Tuesdays in Springfield attending classes on cerebral palsy. These were most interesting and proved very helpful.

During December I attended classes on rheumatic heart disease. This also was most interesting and instructive.

I wish to thank all teachers, Mr. Merritt, Miss Harris, and Mr. Barry for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,

School Nurse.

School Physician

Mr. Lucius A. Merritt,
Superintendent of Schools,
Williamsburg, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

A "Booster" clinic for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Whooping cough was conducted in April and May of the current year, with the assistance of Mrs. Barbara B. Swanda, R.N., school nurse and Mrs. Mabel Shumway, R.N., visiting nurse. The response and co-operation of the parents for this project was gratifying and a large number of pupils received the prophylactic treatment for the above named diseases.

The annual physical examinations were completed early in the school year, Mrs. Swanda, R.N., assisting. The improved physical appearance of several pupils who enjoyed the advantages of summer camp testified to the wisdom of this type of treatment. Several pupils were referred to Dr. Frederic W. Goodhue for chest x-rays.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. WHEELER, M.D.,

School Physician.

✓ Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen, Town of Williamsburg.

The Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Mabel Shumway reports that a total of 422 calls were made this year.

276 children received booster shots and triple typhoid imminization.

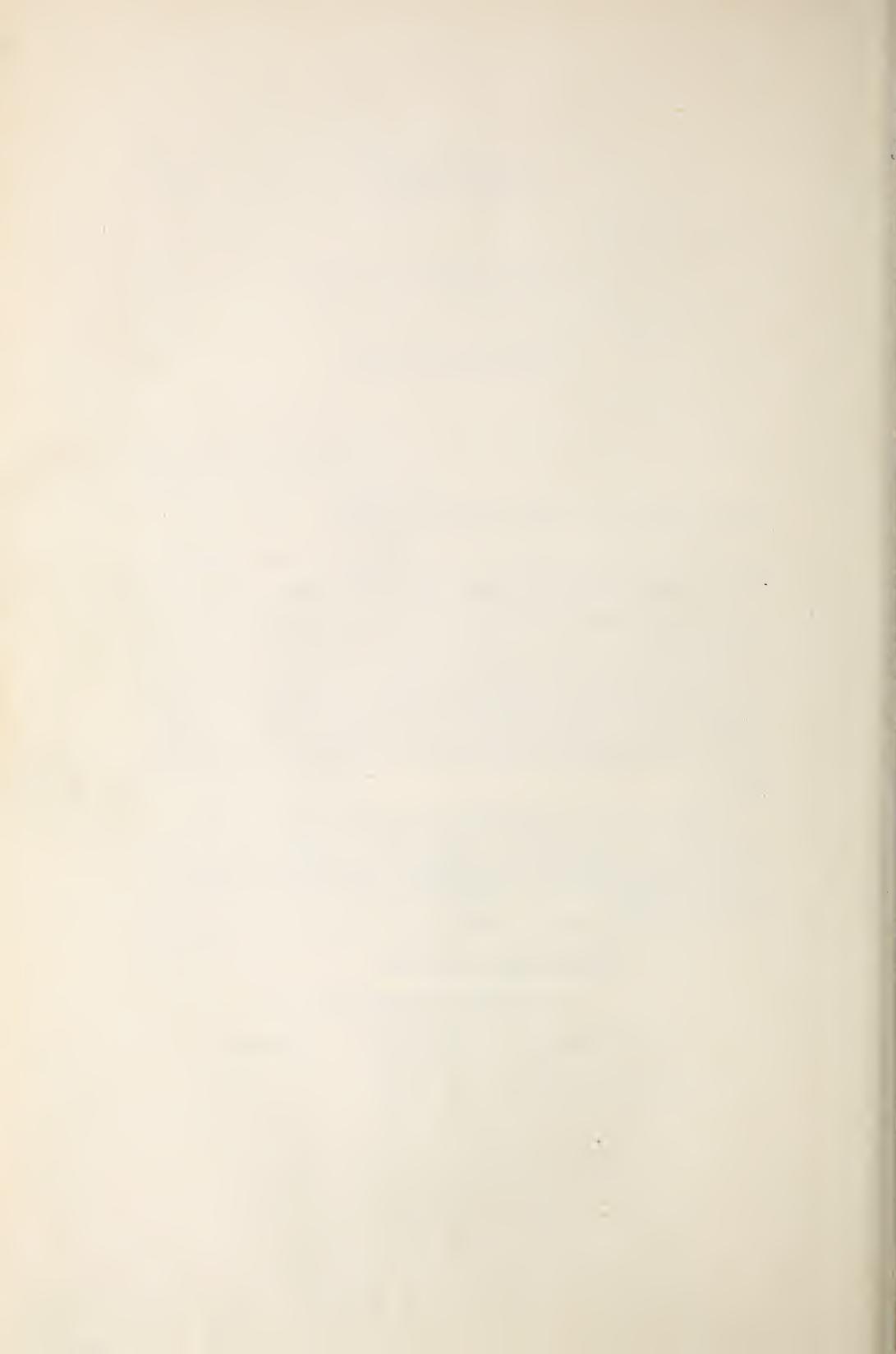
The Annual Well Child Clinic was held June 16th and 17th in Williamsburg and on June 23rd and 24th in Haydenville with Dr. Stephen Brown as pediatrician and Mrs. James Schoonmaker, nutritionist. 118 children were examined.

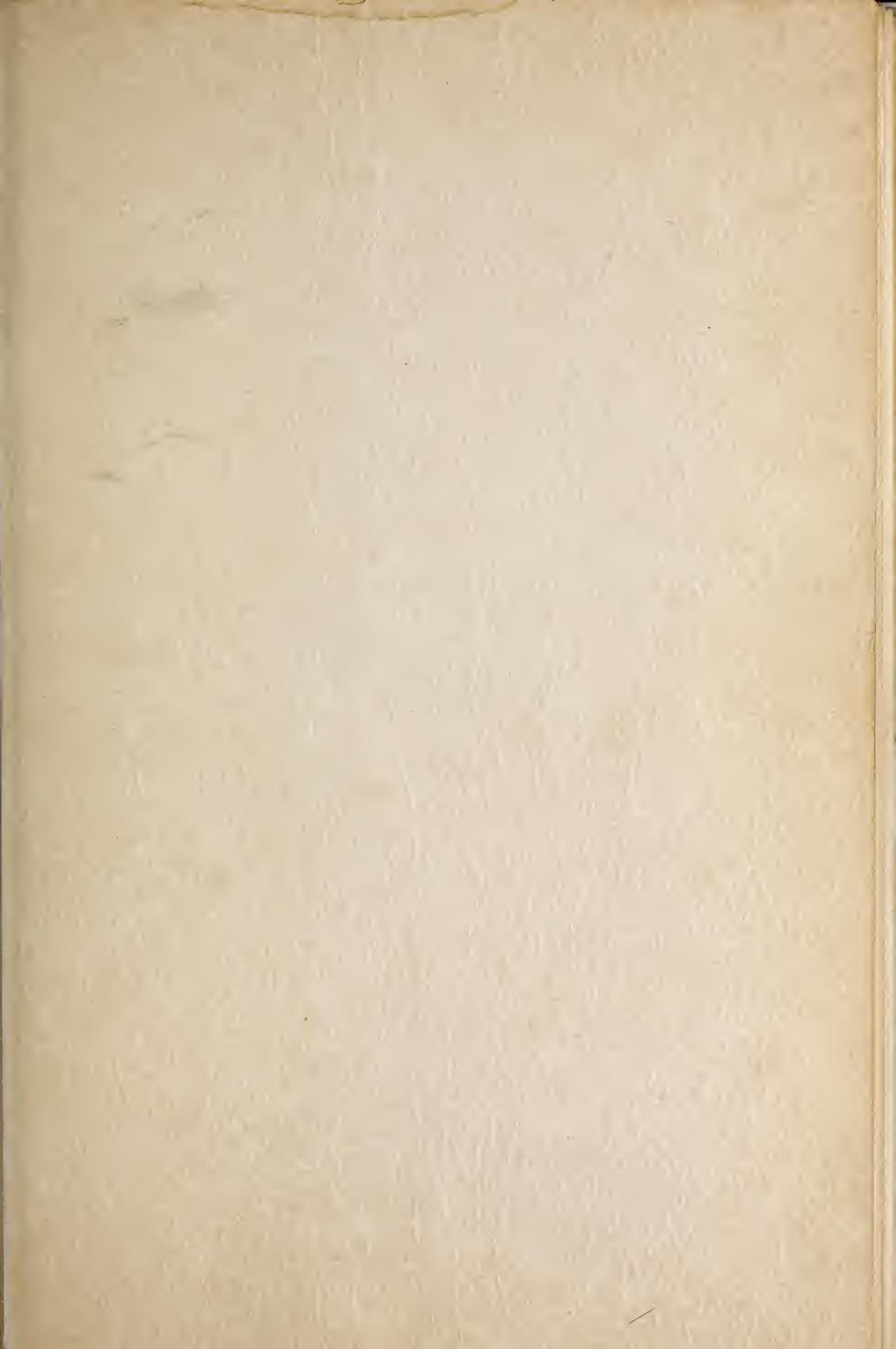
Two more hospital beds and a polio pack were donated to the association. Anyone desiring to use any of the equipment of the organization may call the nurse, Mrs. Shumway.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN E. HEMENWAY,

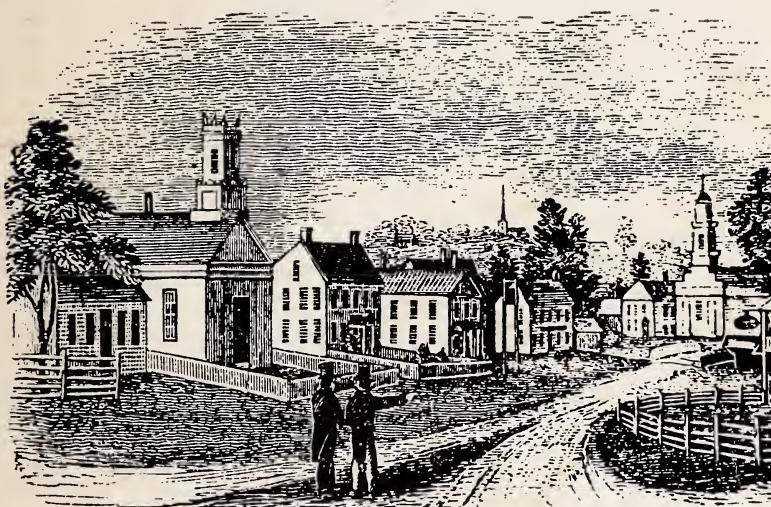
Secretary.





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and after a few words
of thanks
and
the ballot box is opened

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

ANNA E. WATSON

This town report would not be complete if we failed to include an expression of our deep gratitude to Miss Watson, who is completing 30 years of incomparable service to the Town of Williamsburg.

Her ability as treasurer is recognized and commended most highly by the Mass. Division of Accounts, the Auditors and everyone who has any knowledge of her work.

We sincerely hope she will be able to continue to serve us for many years to come.

Town Officers

As of Dec. 31, 1954

	Term Expires
Selectmen:	
Donald S. Outhuse, Chairman	1956
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk	1955
Frank Paul	1957
Town Clerk:	
Charles W. Wells	1955
Town Treasurer:	
Miss Anna E. Watson	1955
Assessors:	
Vernon P. West	1956
Jos. Dymerski	1957
Edwin Breckenridge, Chairman	1955
Tax Collector:	
Barbara W. Swanda	1955
Elector, Oliver Smith Will:	
Richard F. Watling	1955
School Committee:	
Eleanor Mansfield	1955
Eleanor Ballway	1956
Kenneth Sherk	1956
Norman Graves	1955
Stanley Soltys	1956

Constables :

Charles Cross	1955
Vardic Golash	1955

Board of Health :

Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1955
Mrs. Margaret Nelson, Chairman	1956
Bernard Reardon	1957

Water Commissioners :

Robert Wells	1957
David Dewey	1955
Ralph Mason, Jr.	1957

Tree Warden :

David Dewey	1955
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Trustees of Haydenville Library :

Mrs. Lula Smith	1956
Miss Lora Phinney	1957
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1955

Trust Fund Commissioners :

Arthur J. Polmatier	1955
Roswell S. Jorgenson	1957
Frederick Smith	1956

Recreation Committee :

Kenneth Beals	1955
Barbara Hathaway	1957
Richard Graves, Chairman	1956

Moderator :

John H. Breguet	1955
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Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 18, 1954 as follows: Donald Outhuse, chairman; Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., clerk and Veterans' Agent, and Frank Paul, chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

There were two special town meetings held during the year. The November meeting lacked a quorum and no business was transacted.

Chapter 90 construction was completed on Mountain Street and rest of Ashfield Road.

Chapter 90 Special Grant on Route 143 (Chesterfield Road) was not completed.

Chapter 81 work was done on Nash Street.

Due to the serious infestation of Gypsy Moth, most of the town was sprayed with aerial spraying. This was done in cooperation with the state with excellent results.

Sanding of the roads was let out to contract again this year. Trucks were hired to help on construction work, this being a saving to the town.

The windows have been installed in the Town Hall. The contract to paint the outside has been let, the work to be done as soon as possible in the spring.

We wish to sincerely thank the other town officers, committees and townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

We recommend the purchase of a power grader for use on our roads. It is nearly impossible, with present equipment, to keep our roads in acceptable condition. We believe this machine would more than pay for itself if purchased on a rental plan.

During the year we were saddened by the death of Howard Baker, our town accountant for so many years. He was always ready to help us with his advice and council and gave us many hours of his own time. We were very fortunate in obtaining Warren McAvoy to fill this very important position. His work so far more than justifies his appointment.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR.

FRANK PAUL

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect two School Committeemen, one for three years and one for two years, one Trust Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, one Tax Collector, all for a term of three years. Three Water Commissioners, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00, the County and State's share of the expense and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of this Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and the County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement under this Chapter, such sums to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account, the State's share to be returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$605.57 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$6,904.14 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1954 to the Road Machinery Account of 1955.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from March 1, 1955 to February 28, 1956, who shall maintain an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of twenty hours per week throughout the year, except for such periods of vacation or leave as may be agreed upon; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from which to pay this Secretary, maintenance costs for which shall be provided from the maintenance appropriations allotted to the various departments for which the Secretary acts: that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Selectmen and the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to complete the addition

to the Williamsburg Fire Station, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to hear a report of the special committee appointed by the moderator as per Article #4 on the warrant of the special town meeting held on July 8, 1954, to bring in plans and recommendations on the Haydenville Fire Station; and/or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to pay Carl King for land damage caused by Chapter 90 road improvement, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$4,500.00 for work on Chesterfield Road. Said \$4,500.00 to be returned to available funds when received from the State.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 to erect a sign "Children Playing" near the ball field on Fairfield Avenue.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1955 on the South Street Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1955 on the Additional Water Supply Loan, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest on the Additional Water Supply Loan, which is due in 1955, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1955 on the Water Extension to the Hampshire County Sanatorium, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$137.50 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest which is due in 1955 on the Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to hear Mr. Gordon B. Ainsworth, Registered Land Surveyor, give a short report on the tax map he is preparing.

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the re-evaluation committee to negotiate and receive bids and contract for appraisal of the town, said contract to be submitted for approval and appropriation at a later meeting, or take any other action thereon.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee refers you to the Town Accountant's report wherein is listed those transfers made by the Finance Committee from Reserve fund for year of 1954. The reason for the action was to meet unforeseen and emergency needs of various departments which occurred during the year.

Your Finance Committee would remind all departments that they are required to live within their appropriations as voted by Town meetings.

We also wish to call the attention to all Departments that they should notify Finance Committee of any financial emergency when it arises and not wait until the end of the year.

The Finance Committee has met with all departments and have discussed ways and means of keeping Budget Request in line with the ability of people to pay.

All articles in the Warrant calling for appropriations have been acted upon and will be reported at Town Meeting.

The Committee have given careful consideration to our tax rate and have acted to the best of their ability to keep appropriations within proper limits, but also have given consideration to determine that each department will function properly during the year of 1955.

Your attention is called to the serious financial condition of the Water Department and urge the Water Com-

missioners to take concerted action to clean this matter up as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS BLACK

MARTIN DUNPHY

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

MRS. JOSEPH HOBBS

JOHN JONES

ROY LEONARD

MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER

WINFIELD SMITH

LEONARD WALPOLE

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1955

Moderator

	1954 Approp.	1954 Expended	1955 Request	1955 Recm.
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Finance

Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	35.00	25.00	40.00	40.00
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	\$4,035.00	\$4,025.00	\$4,040.00	\$4,040.00

Selectmen

Salaries, chairman	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Maintenance	300.00	299.98	300.00	300.00
Advertising Notices			50.00	50.00
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	\$900.00	\$899.98	\$950.00	\$950.00

Treasurer

Salary	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Maintenance	300.00	265.63	350.00	350.00
Tax Title Account			75.00	75.00
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	\$900.00	\$865.63	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00

Elector, Oliver Smith Will Accountant

Salary	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Maintenance	100.00	107.28	100.00	100.00
New Equipment			100.00	100.00
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	\$600.00	\$607.28	\$950.00	\$950.00

Assessors

Salaries	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Maintenance	250.00	249.50	250.00	250.00
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	\$800.00	\$799.50	\$800.00	\$800.00

Town Clerk

Salary	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Maintenance	300.00	301.03	352.50	352.50
Elections and Registrations	400.00	666.50	335.00	335.00
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	\$900.00	\$1,167.53	\$987.50	\$987.50

Tax Collector

Salary	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Maintenance	475.00	475.00	475.00	475.00
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	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00

General Government

Town Hall	\$2,000.00	\$942.07	\$750.00	\$750.00
Town Shed	150.00	108.27	150.00	150.00
Legal Consultation	250.00	225.00	250.00	250.00
Sealer, Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	800.00	782.26	500.00	500.00
Town Clocks	125.00	102.19	125.00	125.00
Town Reports	350.00	343.90	350.00	350.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Wood Lot	10.00	7.95	10.00	10.00
Census			250.00	250.00
Gypsy Moth	642.40	72.53		
Dutch Elm Disease	321.20	303.39		
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	\$4,898.60	\$3,137.56	\$2,635.00	\$2,635.00

Recreation Committee

Athletic Field	\$400.00	\$394.31	\$500.00	\$500.00
Recreation and Equipment	200.00	99.50	100.00	100.00
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	\$600.00	\$493.81	\$600.00	\$600.00

Police

Salaries	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Telephones and mileage	100.00	107.65	100.00	100.00
Special Police	150.00	141.00	100.00	100.00
Equipment			100.00	100.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,347.79	1,400.00	1,400.00
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	\$1,850.00	\$1,796.44	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00

Fire Department

Salaries, chief	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
deputy chief	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
40 firefighters	80.00	76.00	80.00	80.00
Telephone and lights	350.00	591.28	720.00	720.00
Insurance	165.00	148.78	155.00	155.00
Labor at Fires	1,500.00	728.26	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel	550.00	486.37	400.00	400.00
Equipment Maintenance	505.00	1,034.89	750.00	750.00
Training	500.00	593.59	300.00	300.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,509.71	940.00	940.00
Water Holes	200.00	50.25	100.00	100.00
Building Maintenance	300.00	361.61	705.00	705.00
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	\$5,500.00	\$5,930.74	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

Highways

Chapter 81	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.03	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
General and winter	9,000.00	8,860.22	9,000.00	9,000.00
Bridges	1,000.00	993.75	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sidewalk repair			100.00	100.00
Chapter 90 construction	2,500.00	2,500.02	2,500.00	2,500.00
Chapter 90 maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.04	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tools	200.00	181.59	200.00	200.00
Street lights	3,100.00	3,056.87	3,120.00	3,120.00
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	\$20,900.00	\$20,692.52	\$20,070.00	\$20,070.00

Board of Health

Public Health (Sanatorium)	\$1,800.00	\$628.62	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Barn and animal inspector	60.00	45.00	60.00	60.00
Salary of chairman	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dairy inspector	75.00		75.00	75.00
Slaughter inspector	125.00	26.00	125.00	120.00

Haydenville dump rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish collection	600.00	412.50	500.00	500.00
Well child clinic	300.00	291.12	300.00	300.00
Town dump caretaker and maintenance	1,385.00	617.90	520.00	520.00
Town dump maintenance			300.00	300.00
Public health administration	165.00	77.42	100.00	100.00
Garbage collection	2,800.00	2,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
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	\$7,610.00	\$5,198.56	\$5,280.00	\$5,280.00

Water Department

Salaries, caretaker and supply	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Collector of water rents	150.00	150.00		
Caretaker, water shed	100.00	100.00		
Caretaker, chlorinator	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Pipe line maintenance	3,000.00	3,314.49	4,000.00	4,000.00
Water shed	500.00	605.06	500.00	500.00
Chlorinator maintenance	700.00	659.63	300.00	300.00
Well maintenance and pump costs	1,000.00	1,094.52	700.00	700.00
Administration	100.00	140.99	100.00	100.00
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	\$5,750.00	\$6,264.69	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00

Public Welfare

General Aid	\$3,000.00	\$1,381.95	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	24,000.00	24,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Agent's salary	1,659.43	1,659.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
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	\$41,359.43	\$39,741.38	\$38,700.00	\$38,700.00

Veterans' Service

Benefits	\$1,300.00	\$699.70	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Agent's salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	150.00	149.70	150.00	150.00
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	\$1,750.00	\$1,149.40	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00

Cemeteries

Mountain Street	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Old Village Hill	75.00	61.00	75.00	75.00
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	\$150.00	\$136.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Library	\$400.00	\$338.52	\$400.00	\$400.00
Interest on revenue	\$200.00	\$130.63	\$200.00	\$200.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,200.00	1,000.82	1,200.00	1,200.00
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	\$101,413.03	\$95,485.99	\$94,397.50	\$94,397.50

Schools

Teachers' salaries	\$65,483.21	\$65,318.50	\$77,523.30	\$77,523.30
Special class under Law 514			1,200.00	1,200.00
Janitors' salaries	5,200.00	5,237.38	7,100.00	7,100.00
Janitors' supplies	900.00	583.67	1,100.00	1,100.00
Drawing supervisor	685.55	584.00	630.00	630.00
Music teacher	1,142.22	1,149.84	1,420.00	1,420.00
Superintendent's salary	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Penmanship	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
Secretary's salary	1,200.00	1,365.90	1,800.00	1,800.00
Union expense	225.00	168.59	225.00	225.00
School nurse and travel expense	685.00	649.00	685.00	685.00
Physicians' salaries	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Transportation	6,670.00	7,240.50	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	2,200.00	2,247.91	2,600.00	2,600.00
Repairs plus rehab. \$1,355.65	3,100.00	1,735.56	2,400.00	2,400.00
Sundries	450.00	433.00	450.00	450.00
Books high, \$139.73 grades \$2,038.03	1,500.00	2,177.76	2,000.00	2,000.00
Classroom supplies	1,200.00	1,483.56	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office supplies	250.00	226.44	350.00	350.00
Athletics and Transportation	1,112.65	876.50	773.75	773.75
Smith's School Tuition	4,375.00	5,095.42	9,200.00	9,200.00
Smith's School Transportation	1,250.00	1,009.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
New Equipment plus \$145.00 funds				
plus \$1,952.49 rehab.	2,170.00	115.92	1,200.00	1,200.00
Insurance	1,000.00	1,218.00	1,670.20	1,670.20

Salaries of				
committee members	350.00	350.00	275.00	275.00
Lights	850.00	917.73	1,300.00	1,300.00
Cafeteria			3,000.00	3,000.00
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	\$105,578.63	\$108,764.18	\$131,322.25	\$131,322.25
	101,413.03	95,485.99	94,397.50	94,397.50
105,618.65				
Less 5%	5,281.65			
100,337.00	100,337.00			

1955 estimated income on account of schools \$39,675.58

Total	\$206,991.66	\$199,250.17	\$225,719.75	\$225,719.75
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Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 272 dog licenses issued in 1954, as follows: 166 males, 19 females, 87 spayed females. Six kennel licenses were issued. The sum of \$605.40 was paid to the Town treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 551 sporting licenses issued in 1954 for which the sum of \$1,842.50 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 48 births were recorded in 1954, including 11 which occurred in 1953 and on which records were received in 1954.

1953

Oct.	8	Mark Duane Harry
	16	Mark Kevin Wilson
	27	Jean Agnes Clark
Nov.	7	Joan Ann Bohmer
	15	Denice Morin
	18	Mary Louise Newell
	20	Maureen Moynahan
Dec.	3	Henry Thayer Chapin, Jr.
	12	Natalie Joyce West
	23	Jo Ann Neill

1954

Jan.	2	Donald Ladd Otis
	8	Robert Ernest Turner
	13	Peter Robert Ball
	15	George Arthur Childs

Feb. 1 Amanda Gail Emerson
8 Susan Irene Ingellis
20 Wayne Giles Roberge
20 Charles Wilbur Asher, Jr.

Mar. 2 John Roger McCutcheon
10 Thomas John Ferron
12 Michael Anthony Dufresne

Apr. 1 Brian Robert Pichette
4 Miriam Adella Graves
10 Herbert Luther Childs
15 Robert Samuel Edwards

May 8 Steven Francis Dostie
19 Susan Mary LaCourse
28 Philip Stanley Graves

June 11 Stanley David Kajka
17 David Brian Adair
20 Alan John Baldwin
26 Colleen Frances Demerski

July 11 Patrice Elaine Brown

Aug. 6 (Female) Paradee
19 Gilda Lee Rustemeyer
19 Carlotta Jane Rustemeyer
21 David Arthur Jenkins
27 John Byron Lunsford

Sept. 6 Patricia Jo Doyle
17 Noreen Reardon
30 Elizabeth P. Papageorge

Oct. 22 Ronald William Matueweski
24 Richard Alan Martin
25 Corinne Michelle Poulin
27 Susan Marie Soltys
29 Joseph Earle Crompton

Nov. 15 Charlene Susan Flint

Dec. 1 Russell James Osgood

MARRIAGES

There were 22 marriages of Williamsburg residents recorded in 1954, as follows:

- Jan. 9 Eleanor A. Hunt, Williamsburg, Mass.
Burton L. Rummans, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 9 Carole Ruth Harlow, Williamsburg, Mass.
Gerald Martin Lavallee, Leeds, Mass.
- Feb. 27 Barbara Joan Krawczynski, Northampton,
Mass.
James Carson, Haydenville, Mass.
- 13 Mary Esther Graves, Williamsburg, Mass.
Raymond Francis Doyle, Jr., Holyoke, Mass.
- Mar. 28 Ruth M. Wells, Williamsburg, Mass.
Ralph K. Rhodes, Rocky Mount, North Carolina
- May 1 Jane Weeks, Williamsburg, Mass.
Allen Hathaway, Williamsburg, Mass.
- June 9 Rachel L. Oliver, Williamsburg, Mass.
Robert B. Egelston, West Point, N. Y.
- 19 Charlotte Cross, Williamsburg, Mass.
Anthony Engerman, Turners Falls, Mass.
- July 17 Rose J. (Zewinski) Dunn, Turners Falls, Mass.
Warren J. Gould, Haydenville, Mass.
- 28 Jeanne E. Harlow, Williamsburg, Mass.
Glenn Parker Pierce, Goshen, Mass.
- Aug. 1 Esther Jane Loomis, Haydenville, Mass.
Dorrance Goodwin Bates, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 21 Nancy Jane Dunphy, Williamsburg, Mass.
Dominick Anthony LeFante, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 21 Patricia Evans, Williamsburg, Mass.
Bernard Armes, South Deerfield, Mass.
- 27 Ralean (Todd) Bacon, West Chesterfield,
Mass.
Philip H. Hall, Williamsburg, Mass.

- 26 Barbara Theriaque, Westfield, Mass.
Theodore D. Lemire, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Sept. 12 Carmen Dolores Maquirang, Staten Island,
N. Y.
Raymond Milton Rice, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 16 Joan Ann Kelley, Northampton, Mass.
Ralph Baldwin, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 25 Shirley May Nichols, Williamsburg, Mass.
William Raymond Berry, Andalusia, Alabama
- 28 Esther S. Bridgman, Florence, Mass.
Arthur F. LaCasse, Jr., Williamsburg, Mass.
- Oct. 2 Janet E. Nichols, Williamsburg, Mass.
Clayton Leroy King, Topsfield, Mass.
- 23 Arlene Lee Carpenter, Northampton, Mass.
Edmond Joseph LaFond, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Nov. 12 Evelyn Morey, Williamsburg, Mass.
Burt Arthur Church, Chesterfield, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 32 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1954, as follows:

Date	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Da.	Min.
1953					
Dec. 12	Charles Heath	73	7	6	
1954					
Jan. 4	Reuben B. Hills	88	0	25	
11	Frank Leslie Raymond	87	0	0	
15	Mary E. (Smith) Gale	75	0	25	
20	Martin Guzik	72	2	9	
25	Mary Clifford	61	0	0	
28	Bernard J. Mansfield	49	11	13	
Feb. 3	Charles Blacking	86	3	2	
4	Herbert Lawton	51	3	4	
Mar. 10	Judson G. Blackman	83	4	21	
17	Alfred Hendrick	85	0	0	

Apr.	7	Thomas John Ferron	0	0	28
May	8	Maleville Amy (Buck) Studley	79	0	12
	26	Henry Tatro	56	1	29
June	25	Oakley E. Ames	64	5	17
	27	Bertha Graves	99	5	26
July	5	Herbert C. Newell	87	5	29
	8	Arthur J. Polmatier	83	0	21
	16	Garrard P. Nightingale	73	3	0
	25	Arthur Beebe	74	2	10
	26	Howard F. Baker	69	6	30
Aug.	28	J. Floyd Best	74	3	5
Sept.	12	Anna B. (Piorkowski) Lentner	60	3	9
	18	George Oliver	67	2	25
Oct.	6	Oliver Ducharme	77	8	21
	12	Orman G. Elmes, Sr.	59	7	21
	12	Fred Ketchen	60	0	0
Nov.	2	Grace A. (Sheldon) Graves	84	4	1
	11	Rebecca Faith Nicholls	0	0	0
	15	Ida Torrey Rhodes	76	2	12
	28	Frank W. Merritt	67	3	0
Dec.	20	Leon Tiley	51	3	13

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953:

1951	Excise	\$9.37
	Real Estate	14.10
1952	Personal Property	442.40
	Real Estate	3,668.82
	Excise	163.81
1953	Poll Tax	10.00
	Personal Property	3,198.02
	Real Estate	14,507.75
	Excise	1,486.01
Total		\$23,500.28

Commitments:

1954	Poll Tax	\$1,118.00
	Personal Property	15,503.13
	Real Estate	121,358.10
	Water Liens	480.25
	Excise	16,839.12
1953	Excise given in January 1954	757.13
Total		\$156,055.73

Collected and Paid Treasurer:

	(Including Interest)	
1951	Excise	\$11.37
1952	Personal Property	395.32
	Real Estate	3,751.63
	Excise	78.87
1953	Poll Tax	13.53
	Personal Property	3,093.81

	Real Estate	12,654.12
	Excise	2,027.11
1954	Poll Tax	1,136.50
	Personal Property	11,334.70
	Real Estate	94,428.88
	Excise	13,538.28
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	Total	\$142,464.12
	Tax Titles :	
	1954	\$83.15
		10.35
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		\$93.50
	Abatements :	
	1951 Real Estate	\$14.10
	1952 Personal Property	72.80
	Excise	90.23
	1953 Personal Property	136.94
	Real Estate	64.44
	Excise	364.66
	1954 Poll Tax	58.00
	Personal Property	6.90
	Real Estate	4,434.01
	Excise	2,101.53
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	Total	\$7,343.61
	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 :	
	1953 Personal Property	\$48.60
	Real Estate	2,005.01
	Excise	11.09
	1954 Personal Property	4,164.29
	Real Estate	23,166.72
	Excise	1,709.65
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	Total	\$31,105.36

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1954, Balance on hand	\$196,515.49
Receipts for year	561,841.72
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	\$758,357.21

Credits

Payments for year	\$484,515.63
Jan. 1, 1955, Balance on hand	273,841.58
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	\$758,357.21

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,
Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balance and Balance Sheet will be found in the following pages.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation during my stay in office. Our friend, Mr. Howard F. Baker, who had conducted the affairs of this office for so many years is greatly missed and the cooperation received is regarded as a tribute to him.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes 1952	\$3,086.15
Personal Property 1952	369.60
Real Estate 1952	933.30
Taxes 1953	11,703.47
Poll 1953	8.00
Personal Property	1,130.17
Real Estate 1953	7,898.08
Poll 1954	1,072.00
Personal Property 1954	11,331.94
Real Estate 1954	94,302.38
Water Liens to 1954 Taxes	82.00
	\$131,917.09

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1951	\$18.74
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1952	76.96
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1953	2,400.48
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1954	13,508.74
	————— \$16,004.92
Taxes, State	
Corporation	\$6,361.92
Income Tax	3,611.00
Income Tax—	
School Aid, Chapter 70	24,794.53
Meal	871.74
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	108.91
	————— \$35,748.10
Licenses:	
Liquor and advertising	\$4,829.25
Board of Health	11.00
Junk	12.00
Other	96.00
	————— \$4,948.25
Permits:	
Pistol	\$11.50
	————— \$11.50
Fines and Forfeits:	
Court	\$46.51
Dog Licenses for County	565.20
	————— \$611.71
Grants and Gifts:	
County—Dog licenses refund	\$458.63
County—Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00

State—Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
State—Chapter 81	9,283.98
U. S. Grant—Old Age Assistance	12,243.54
U. S. Grant—O. A. A. Administration	551.94
U. S. Grant—Aid to Dependent Children	5,027.91
U. S. Grant—A. D. C. Administration	199.07
U. S. Grant—Disability Assistance	1,900.64
U. S. Grant—D. A. Administration	55.27
State—School Transportation	4,641.74
State—School Superintendent and Travel	1,398.76
Public Health—State	1,192.85
State—Reimbursement on Inspector of Animals	30.00
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	\$38,984.33

Departmental Revenue:

Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$44.25
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,456.51
Old Age Assistance— Cities and Towns	763.41
Old Age Assistance—State	13,536.30
Veterans' Benefits—State	234.00
Disability Assistance and Administration—State	1,663.77
Schools—Tuition	\$2,687.21
State Wards Tuition	928.20
State Wards Transportation	76.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	32.25
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	\$23,421.90

Vocational Education

Reimbursement	\$2,660.96
Water Rents	6,819.81
Water Miscellaneous	179.74
Water Lien Fees	2.00
State Aid to Highways 1953	4,496.65
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	774.00

Tax Collector's Fees	193.10
Water Surplus, County Extension and check recovery	807.75
Truck and Tractor Earnings	6,022.50
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	9,700.00
School Bond Premium	318.50
School Bond Issue	245,000.00
Trust Funds	15,000.00
State—Abatements to Paraplegic Veterans	144.90
School Athletic Fund	446.85
Sale of Land	36.00
Sale of Tires, Fire Dept.	22.50
Sale of Town Histories	10.50
Refunds	29.57
Miscellaneous Departments	6.00
	\$292,671.33
Federal Withholding Tax	\$11,798.40
Employees Retirement Deductions	757.67
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	789.20
	\$13,345.27
Interest	
Taxes, Real and Personal	\$647.29
Taxes, Motor Vehicle Excise	31.14
Treasurer's Deposit	100.00
	\$778.43
Income—H. M. Hills Fund	\$62.50
Collins School Fund	1,118.05
Whiting Street Fund	153.28
Electa Waite Fund	53.20
A. S. Hills Fund	150.00
Mary L. Main Fund	75.00
Byron Loomis Fund	223.08
O. G. Spelman Fund	966.97
Ethel Curry Fund	25.00
C. J. Hills Fund	150.00
Cemetery Fund	39.76

Lyman Waite Fund	19.25
Albert D. Sanders Fund	162.70
Ellsworth H. Hyde Fund	75.10
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	125.00
	—————
	\$3,398.89
Total Receipts	—————
Cash on hand January 1, 1954	\$561,841.72
	—————
	\$196,515.49
	—————
	\$758,357.21
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PAYMENTS

Moderator's Salary	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	\$600.00
Selectmen's Maintenance	299.98
	—————
	\$899.98
Accountant's Salary	\$500.00
Accountant's Maintenance	108.18
	—————
	\$608.18
Treasurer's Salary	\$600.00
Treasurer's Maintenance	265.63
	—————
	\$865.63
Tax Collector's Salary	\$600.00
Tax Collector's Maintenance	472.11
	—————
	\$1,072.11
Assessors' Salaries	\$550.00
Assessors' Maintenance	249.50
	—————
	799.50
Town Counsel	\$225.00
Town Clerk's Salary	\$200.00
Town Clerk's Maintenance	301.03
	—————
	\$501.03

Elections and Registrations:	
Registrars	\$125.00
Election Officers	356.00
Printing and Stationery	105.50
Loud Speaker System	50.00
Grange Hall Rent	20.00
Labor	10.00
	—————
	\$666.50
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	
Finance Committee Clerk	\$10.00
Executive Secretary's Salary	\$25.00
	—————
	\$1,700.64
Town:	
Fuel	\$113.70
Lights	42.53
Telephone	186.53
Janitor	289.05
Repairs	16.48
Window Installation	293.78
	—————
	\$942.07
Town Shed:	
Fuel	\$108.27
	—————
Total General Government	\$8,448.91
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department:	
Salaries	\$200.00
Labor	798.00
Special Police	141.00
Legal Counsel	75.00
Equipment	85.58
Mileage	249.50
Dog Tax Collection Fees	23.70
Telephones	107.65
Court Fees	116.01
	—————
	\$1,796.44

Williamsburg Fire House Addition	\$253.00
Fire Department:	
Salaries	\$426.00
Labor	728.26
New Equipment	1,509.71
Fuel	486.37
Telephone and Lights	591.28
Insurance	148.78
Equipment Maintenance	1,034.89
Training	593.59
Water Holes	50.25
Building Maintenance	361.61
	—————
	\$5,930.74
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$100.00
Tree Warden Department:	
Tree Warden	\$782.26
Moth Work, Local	72.53
State	250.62
Dutch Elm Disease	303.39
	—————
	\$1,408.80
Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$9,488.98
HEALTH AND SANITATION	
Salary	\$100.00
Administration	77.42
Hampshire County Sanatorium	628.62
Barn and Animal Inspection	45.00
Slaughter Inspection	26.00
Town Dump, Care and Maintenance	617.90
Town Dump, Rent	200.00
Garbage Collection	2,800.00
Rubbish Collection	412.50
Well Child Clinic	291.12
	—————
	\$5,198.56
Visiting Nurse	\$1,325.00
	—————
Total Health and Sanitation	\$6,523.56

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Chapter 81

Labor	\$6,222.31
Town Equipment	2,637.00
Private Equipment	3,656.25
Gravel	1,090.00
Colprovia	674.40
Cement	2.40
Culverts	566.09
Catch Basin	96.22
Tar	430.36
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	\$15,375.03

Winter Highways:

Labor	\$4,460.35
Private Equipment	1,475.73
Sand	219.75
Town Equipment	2,087.50
Road Repair, Winter Mix	33.30
Lumber	34.79
Salt	528.80
Fence Posts	20.00
	—————
	\$8,860.22

Bridges and Railings:

Tools and Equipment	\$114.88
Town Equipment	34.00
Reinforcement Rods	230.16
Cement	69.25
Fence Posts	42.50
Planks	266.81
Labor	236.15
	—————
	\$993.75

Street Lights \$3,056.87

Tool Account 181.59

Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor \$2,338.38
Town Equipment 690.50

Private Equipment	4,938.13
Gravel	1,108.45
Cement	6.00
Cement Blocks	17.69
Culverts	557.92
Tar	338.25
Grass Seed	4.70
	—————
	\$10,000.02

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$565.69
Town Equipment	448.50
Private Equipment	101.50
Gravel	615.87
Tar	1,268.48
	—————
	\$3,000.04

Chapter 90 Construction Special, Route 143:

Culverts	\$429.26
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Truck and Tractor Maintenance:

Gas, oil and supplies	\$1,700.48
Repairs, tires, batteries, etc.	4,059.47
Insurance	626.40
	—————
	\$6,386.35

Total Highways and Bridges	\$48,283.13
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CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Town Aid	\$1,381.95
Public Welfare Agent's Salary	\$1,659.43
Public Welfare Agent's Maintenance	\$200.00

Disability Assistance:

Local	\$5,000.00
Federal	472.52
	—————
	\$5,472.52

Aid to Dependent Children:

Local	\$7,500.00
Federal	3,424.41
	—————
	\$10924.41

Old Age Assistance:	
Local	\$24,000.00
Federal	6,807.46
	—————
	\$30,807.46
Veterans' Benefits	\$699.70
Veterans' Agent's Salary	\$300.00
Veterans' Agent's Maintenance	\$149.70
	—————
Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits	\$51,595.17

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools

General Administration:

Superintendent	\$2,700.00
Clerical Assistance	1,365.90
Office Supplies	226.44
Telephone	259.05
Travel Expense	168.59
Miscellaneous	173.95
Athletics	876.50
Insurance	1,218.00
Nurses's Salary and	
Travel	649.00
Physicians' Salaries	400.00
Committee's Salary	350.00
	—————
	\$8,387.43

Teachers' Salaries

Teachers	\$65,798.50
Music Teacher	1,149.84
Drawing Teacher	584.00
	—————
	\$67,532.34

Tuition—

Smith's School	\$5,095.42
	—————
	\$5,095.42

Transportation—			
Smith's School	\$1,009.00		
Local	7,240.50		
	—————		
		\$8,249.50	
Text Books and Supplies			
Books, High	\$139.73		
Books, Grades	2,038.03		
Classroom Supplies	1,483.56		
	—————		
		\$3,661.32	
Janitors' Services and Supplies			
Salaries	\$5,237.38		
Supplies	583.67		
	—————		
		\$5,821.05	
Fuel and Light			
Fuel	\$2,247.91		
Light	917.73		
	—————		
		3,165.64	
Repairs	\$1,735.56		
	—————		1,735.56
New Equipment	\$115.92	\$115.92	
	—————		
		\$103,764.18	
Rehabilitation Fund:			
Repairs	\$1,356.65		
New Equipment	1,952.49		
	—————		
		\$3,309.14	
Funds:			
Collins Fund			
New Equipment	\$135.00		
Loomis Fund	10.00		
	—————		
		\$145.00	
Loomis Fund			
Haydenville School Lunch Room:			
Construction	\$1,200.00		
New Equipment	258.01		
	—————		
		\$1,458.01	

New Elementary School Construction:

Construction	\$162,105.20
Site Preparation	16,151.70
Fees	11,302.83
Advertising	50.83
Water Service	980.90
Travel	11.57
Financing Fees	708.16
Land Purchase	3,876.00

	\$195,187.19

Haydenville Library:

Books	\$161.54
Librarian	81.00
Janitor	19.50
Repairs	30.00
Insurance	16.38
Supplies	5.10
Fuel	13.00
Lights	12.00

	\$338.52

Total of Schools and Libraries \$304,202.04

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Recreation and Equipment

Janitor	\$19.80
Band	40.00
Equipment	39.70
Hallowe'en Party	10.00

	\$109.50

Athletic Field

Labor	\$276.00
Tools	2.65
Repairs	105.80
Gas and oil	9.86

	\$394.31

	\$503.81

Town Clocks	\$102.19
Memorial Day	\$150.00
Printing Town Reports 1953	\$343.90
Wood Lot	\$7.95
	\$1,107.85
Total Recreation and Unclassified	

ENTERPRISE AND CEMETERIES

Water Department:

Pipe Line	
Maintenance	\$3,314.49
Water Shed	605.06
Chlorinator	
Maintenance	683.60
Additional Water	
Supply	1,094.52
Administration	140.99
Collector of Water	
Rents	150.00
Caretaker,	
Chlorinator	100.00
Caretaker and	
Supply	100.00
Caretaker,	
Water Shed	100.00
	\$6,288.66

Water Department Tool Building	\$172.21
Workmen's	
Compensation	\$1,000.82
Retirement Fund,	
Town's Share	894.01
Retirement Fund,	
Employee's Share	791.33
Federal Withholding	
Tax	11,697.26
Blue Cross and	
Blue Shield	789.20

Collector's Costs		
and Fees	202.55	
Business Machines	639.00	
Check Returned	15.25	
Cemeteries		
Mountain Street		
Cemetery	\$75.00	
Old Village Hill		
Cemetery	61.00	

		\$136.00
Total Enterprises, Cemeteries and Unclassified		\$16,165.42

POST WAR AND TRUST FUNDS INCOME

Post War Rehabilitation Fund	\$125.000	\$125.00
Trust Funds :		
Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	\$80.00	
A. S. Hills Charity Fund	150.00	
Cemetery Fund	39.76	

		\$269.76

Trust Funds :		
Deposit, O. G. Spelman Fund	\$10,000.00	
Deposit, Henry M. Hills Fund	5,000.00	

		\$15,000.00

AGENCY

State Park and Reservations Tax	\$368.78
State Audit	1,244.92

County Tax	8,467.84
County Dog Taxes	583.80
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	\$10,665.34

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest on Water Loan	\$130.63
Interest on New Water System	495.00
Interest on County Extension	192.50
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	\$818.13

South Street Water Extension Note	\$500.00
New Water System Note	2,000.00
Sanatorium Extension Note	2,000.00
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	\$4,500.00

REFUNDS

1953 Poll Tax overpayment	\$4.00
1953 Real Estate	3.24
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	125.11
1954 Poll Tax	10.00
1954 Real Estate	238.32
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	480.80
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	\$861.47

Total Payments	\$484,515.63
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	\$273,841.58
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	\$758,357.21
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TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$273,841.58
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953		
Personal Property	48.60	
Real Estate	2,005.01	
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		2,053.61
Levy of 1954		
Personal Property	4,164.29	
Real Estate	22,768.47	
Water Liens 1954	398.25	
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		27,331.01
Tax Titles	380.53	
Tax Possessions	192.43	
	—————	
		572.96
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	1,133.68	
Old Age Assistance	863.55	
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		1,997.23
Water Department:		
Rates	1,287.30	
Miscellaneous	309.43	
	—————	
		1,596.73
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953	11.09	
Levy of 1954	1,709.65	
	—————	
		1,720.74

State and County Aid to Highways	6,991.02
Due from Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,300.00
Chapter 81, Highways	1,991.02
Chapter 90, Highway Construction,	
Special, Route 143	429.26
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	\$323,825.16

LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$1,090.44
County Retirement System	69.59
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	\$1,160.03

Dog Licenses due County	21.00
Tailings	54.33

Trust Fund Income:

Henry M. Hills	
Hospital Bed Fund	1,025.42
Whiting Street Worthy	
Poor Fund	521.72
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	313.50
Electa Waite Charity Fund	210.32
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	165.07
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	462.06
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	572.49
Collins School Fund	1,551.43
Onslow G. Spelman Fund	966.97
Byron Loomis School Fund	213.08
Ethel Curry School Fund	62.50
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	286.06
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	133.35
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	\$6,483.97

Old Age Assistance Recoveries	774.00
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Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance	
Administration	163.12
Assistance	1,428.12

Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	333.16
Aid	1,658.05
Old Age Assistance	
Administration	1,683.31
Assistance	5,873.49
	<u>11,139.25</u>
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans and Eng.	12.00
School Athletic Fund	1,212.45
Appropriation Balances:	
Revenue, General	13,013.30
Non Revenue:	
New Elem. School	<u>165,131.31</u>
	<u>178,144.61</u>
Road Machinery Fund	6,904.14
State Aid to Highways	6,991.02
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	7,406.59
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1953	2,053.61
Levy of 1954	<u>1,311.11</u>
	<u>3,364.72</u>
Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	1,720.74
Tax Title and Possessions	572.96
Departmental	1,997.23
Water	<u>1,994.98</u>
	<u>6,285.91</u>
State Park Tax	1.45
County Tax	654.97
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	70.58
	<u>727.00</u>
Water Available Surplus	2,748.07
Surplus Revenue	<u>90,396.07</u>
	<u>\$323,825.16</u>

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$117,800.44
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in custody of Trustee	3,694.07
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	\$121,494.51
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Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	\$16,432.21
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,423.45
Onslow G. Spelman Fund	36,947.77
Byron Loomis Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,264.22
Helen E. James School Fund	3,694.07
Henry W. Warner Fund	5,410.45
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	\$121,494.51
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Net Funded or Fixed Debt

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$276,500.00
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	\$276,500.00
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Water Main, South Street Extension Loan	\$4,500.00
Water Main, Sanatorium Extension	6,000.00

Underground Water Supply Loan	21,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School Loan	245,000.00
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	\$276,500.00
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Assessors' Report

The method of computing the tax rate for the year 1954 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	\$201,683.04
Taken from available funds	
in 1954	164,142.20
State Parks and Reservations	452.60
State Audit	1,244.92
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	321.20
County Tax	9,172.03
Overlay of Current Year	5,756.62
Gross Amount to be raised	—————\$382,772.61

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Income Tax	\$25,364.72
Corporation Taxes	6,820.47
Reimbursement of Publicly	
Owned Land	105.88
Old Age Tax	849.11
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	12,800.00
Licenses	4,000.00
Fines	50.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Health and Sanitation	500.00
Charities	3,900.00
Old Age Assistance	14,500.00
Veterans' Services	175.00
Schools	9,900.00
Libraries	25.00
Interest: on Taxes and Assessments	625.00
Spelman School Fund	1,000.00
Total Estimated Receipts	—————\$80,665.18

Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	\$164,142.20
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$244,807.38
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property:	
Polls, 552 @ \$2.00	\$1,104.00
Total Value Personal Property \$224,683.00 @ \$69.00 per M	15,503.13
Total Value Real Estate \$1,758,813.00 @ \$69.00 per M	<hr/> 121,358.10
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property	\$137,965.23
Water Liens added to taxes	\$480.25
Total Amount of 1954 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to collector	\$138,445.48

EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE,Ch.
 VERNON P. WEST
 JOSEPH DYMERSKI

Report of Water Commissioners

January 17, 1955

In 1954 we used the additional water supply only twice. The first time we pumped for nine days because the chlorinator was out of order. In the nine days a total of 2,561,600 gallons was pumped. The second time it was used we pumped for 12 days due to water shortage. This time we pumped 1,143,000 gallons.

Our routine work was carried out as usual. There were seven new entrances installed and seven old ones renewed. Five hydrants were repaired and the new six inch line to the school was completed.

It was voted by the water commissioners at the January meeting to raise the water rents, in most cases, by fifteen per cent. In some instances they were raised more. This was necessary to bring in more revenue. The costs of the Water Department are going up each year. The system, being more than fifty years old, is beginning to show the effects of old age. As each year goes by now, more and more work will have to be done. The commissioners regretted having to raise the rents, what with a raise in taxes and exerything else, but if the Water Dept. is going to maintain its mains and service there must be money to do it with.

A house to house survey was made this year by the water dept. to correct the records. In some cases there had been additional outlets installed and in others there were some removals. But on a whole there was enough increase to warrant the survey.

On the department budget this year, we found that in order to have maintenance money enough to take care of anticipated and known work next year, we had to cut expenses everywhere we could. We did away with the salary of Collector and combined the work of caretaker of water shed and caretaker of pump. We cut chlorinator expenses and pump funds. The net outcome was, we were able to increase pipe line maintenance by \$1,000.00 and only increased the whole budget by \$100.00. The collection and billing of water rents can well be done by the Town Secretary, she agreeing to do it, as it will fill in when she has no other work to do.

Howard Sanderson resigned as Water Commissioner the first of May, when he found that the duties of water dept. and Fire Chief were too much. David Dewey was appointed to fill his vacancy. Robert Wells retired at the end of this year due to health, and Ralph Mason, Jr. retired at the same time for business reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Wells, Chairman

Ralph Mason, Jr.

David Dewey

Report of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Labor, chainsaw & truck	
cutting and disposal of trees	\$408.02
Hampshire Tree & Landscape Service	140.00
New England Tree Expert Co.	9.00
Harry W. Warner, Jr.	
chainsaw & labor	173.52
Robert S. Loomis, labor	80.76
Herbert Kellogg, tractor & truck	106.50
Walter E. Kellogg, chainsaw	31.88
Paul Waite, tree climber	57.00
Fred G. Dewey, truck	70.13
James O'Brine, labor	8.75
	—————
	\$1,085.56

Number of trees cut 12

Number of trees cabled 3

Storm damaged limbs and trees removed.

Hurricane damage—

10 blown down trees removed

2 damaged trees cut and removed

3 dead elms and several other trees should be removed this year

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 1954

In the spring this town cooperated with the State in an aerial spraying project against gypsy moth damage. This project was based at Barnes Airport in West-

field. The town was found to be heavily infested and the spraying, done by C-46's, helicopters and small planes, destroyed the moth caterpillars before too much damage was done.

Paid to State as town's share	\$250.62
Labor	72.53
	—————
	\$323.15

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY
Tree Warden & Moth Supt.

Library Report

Mrs. John Winne became our librarian in June upon resignation of Mrs. Demerski. She has been aided in her work by several of the older Girl Scouts.

This fall we had new cellar stairs made, the elm tree on the river side of the building trimmed, and the brush cut.

Books added in 1954	79
Books discarded	5
Books on hand	3,165
Circulation	3,521
Fines	\$7.56

The Account of Expenditures for the year will be found in the Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE E. SANDERSON

LORA S. PHINNEY

LULA B. SMITH

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the period from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954.

A Well Child Clinic was held in each village school.

Work was done in Haydenville to correct faulty drainage near the school playground.

The Board operated the Garbage Collection in accordance with the State cooking laws. Materials which won't cook, that are included in the garbage, have been a problem. The Board requests more care in this matter as damage to the cooking equipment will be expensive.

The Board has maintained careful inspections of our animals and slaughters with the able work of our inspectors.

The eating and drinking establishments in town have been inspected by the Board.

The Board still finds that the dump is a problem child. Efforts have been made to find a good location to replace the Mountain Street dump, without success. We have employed a very able caretaker and have tried to limit use of the dump to townspeople during posted days and hours.

The Board wishes to ask all who use the dump to please dump over the embankment away from the road. The cooperation of people who use the dump, in keeping it neat and clean will mean less expense.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET NELSON, Ch.
JOSEPH HOBBS, M.D.
BERNARD REARDON

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and Holidays.

Twelve accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Two persons received injuries (none fatal).

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Five licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of Chief.

Twenty-nine summonses served for outside departments.

One warrant served for outside department.

Two accidental shootings.

Thirty-six complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	9
Vagrancy	1
Speeding	7
Stop signs	2
Operating after revocation	1
Operating without license	1
Driving so as to endanger	1
Driving left of the center	1
Following too close	1
Driving under influence	6
Failing to have windshield stickers	4
Assault and battery	1

Contributing to delinquency	1
Thirty-two pleaded or were found guilty.	
Four found not guilty—thirty-four males, two females.	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

The Fire Department of Williamsburg consists of two companies No. 1 in Williamsburg and No. 2 in Haydenville.

Patrick Larkin of Haydenville was appointed assistant fire chief and Lester Wells of Williamsburg as Captain.

There were 32 alarms answered as follows:

6 Chimney Fires

6 House Fires

11 Grass and Brush Fires

8 Calls to Haydenville Dump

1 Call to Tar Trailer

During the year, there were 22 fire drills held with the fire-fighters.

350 open air fire permits were issued. 225 bottled gas and 175 oil burner inspections were made.

The pump on the Williamsburg fire truck was repaired. Four new tires and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. gate valve were put on.

A Reo truck with a 900 gallon water tank and a 150 gallon per minute pump was added to our equipment. This provides better fire protection for areas where there is little or no water.

The sirens in both villages have been repaired and it is recommended that a new larger one be installed in Williamsburg, at the engine house, in the near future.

The engine house in Haydenville is badly in need of extensive repairs. It is felt by the Firefighters that a new bulding, in a different location, would be practicable inasmuch as the present building is too small and is in a very poor location.

A needed roof ladder was added to the Haydenville truck, also two 20 lb. dry powder extinguishers for oil and gas fires. Five new fog nozzles for modern fire fighting were also added to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON

Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen

Town of Williamsburg

The Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Mabel Shumway, reported that the total of 392 calls were made during the year. Sixty-five of these calls were no charge calls.

The Annual Well Child Clinic was held in June with Dr. Fredrica Smith attending Pediatrician. One hundred and thirty-three children were examined.

We present for your inspection the following financial statement:

Receipts for 1954

Collections for calls by the nurse	\$255.00
Gifts from user of a hospital bed	5.00
Total	\$260.00

Payments made in 1954

Gasoline for nurse's car	\$132.50
Old Age Tax paid for nurse (Social Security)	19.50
Supplies for nurse:	
1 syringe	\$2.50
2 needles	.60
paper towels	.38
alcohol	.49
	\$3.97
Phone calls	3.97
3 mattress covers	1.76
	11.94

Back rest	2.00
Payroll book	.55
Rubber sheeting	7.16
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	\$179.38

Salary paid nurse—net \$1,211.30

Income tax withheld 124.20

Old Age Tax witheld 14.50

\$1,350.00

Less town appropriation \$1,325.00 Difference

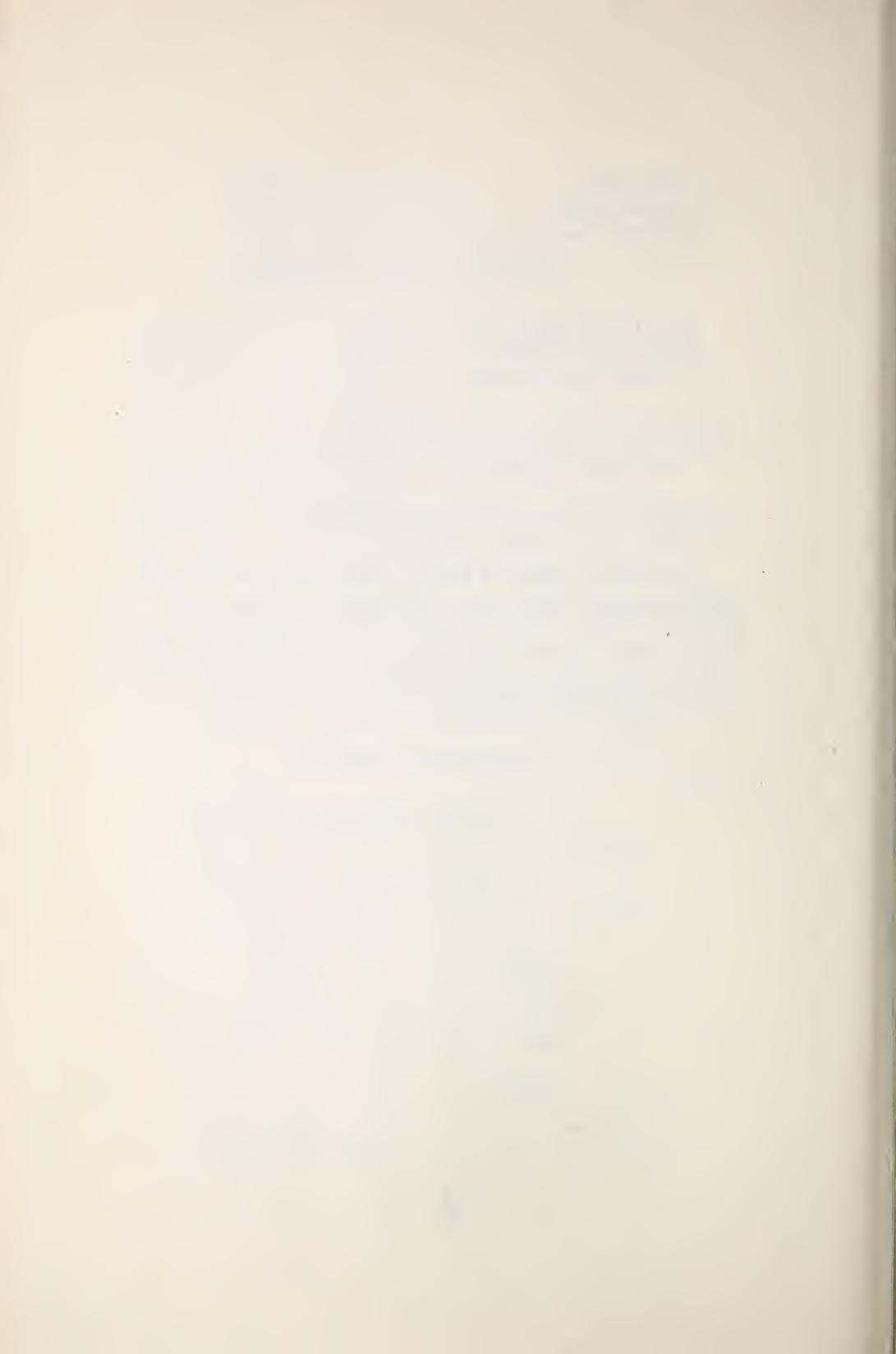
25.00 \$204.38

Excess of receipts over disbursements \$55.62

The nurse's salary is \$25 per week, and she has one week's vacation with pay. Therefore the town appropriation is for 53 weeks at \$25, a total of \$1,325. Because Friday is payday and the year began and ended on Friday there were payments made in this calendar year for 54 weeks instead of 53.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hemenway, Secretary



**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Town of Williamsburg

**FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954**

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth W. Sherk, Chairman, Tel. 295	1956
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Secretary, Tel. 260	1956
Norman F. Graves, Tel. 248	1955
Stanley Soltys	1956
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Tel. 227	1955

SUPERINTENDENT

Lucius A. Merritt	Tel. 229
Office, High School	Tel. 4421

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Marion G. Warren, Williamsburg	Tel. 515
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SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Rinehart System directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Koss

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Olive A. Healy, West Chesterfield	Tel. 2355
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg	Tel. 266
Dr. Charles Wheeler, Haydenville	Tel. 260

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Barbara Swanda, Williamsburg	Tel. 572
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SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg Tel. 4762
Charles Sabo, Williamsburg Tel. 3581

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

At call of Superintendent

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. 4421

TEACHERS

	Tel.
Principal, Anne T. Dunphy: Latin, Civics Haydenville	4781
Peter P. Ball: Science 30 City View Ave., W. Springfield	4-3648
Robert M. Branch: Math., History 61 Meadow Street, Florence	4554
Mrs. Frances M. Grinnell: Commercial 32 Conz Street, Northampton	1348
Mrs. Lula B. Smith: English Haydenville	282
Earl F. Tonet: History, French, Athletic Coach 29 Maple Street, Florence	3079-W
Principal, Edith D. Foster: Grade 7, Williamsburg	4211
Martha L. Dickerman: Grade 8, 106 Main St., Spencer	8391
Nelle A. Dolan: Grade 6, Haydenville	3693
Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge: Grade 5, Williamsburg	525
Mrs. Eleanor Soden: Grade 4, Williamsburg	3557
Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn: Grade 3, Williamsburg	3891

Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom:	Grade 2, Haydenville	522
Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton:	Grade 1, Williamsburg	537

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

TEL. 4912

TEACHERS

Principal, Margaret Trainor:	Grades 7 and 8	
Haydenville		4732
Mrs. Marion Hickey:	Grade 5 and 6, Haydenville	4301
Mrs. Priscilla Kostek:	Grades 4 and 5, Haydenville	
		4733
Mrs. Ruth Nash:	Grade 3, Williamsburg	3344
Mrs. Doris Tilley:	Grade 2, Williamsburg	4485
Mary Crampton:	Grade 1, Haydenville	3221

SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1954

		16	Yrs. or	
		5-7	7-16	over
Williamsburg				
Boys	33	105	14	
Girls	23	96	10	
	—	—	—	
Total	56	201	24	281
Haydenville				
Boys	18	84	8	
Girls	26	86	11	
	—	—	—	
Total	44	170	19	233
Combined Total	100	371	43	514

RECORD OF SERVICE

Miss Nelle Dolan	46½ Years
Dr. Charles Wheeler	45 Years
Miss Anne T. Dunphy	41 Years

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1955-1956

Wednesday, September 7, 1955	Schools open
Friday, October 7, 1955	Franklin County Teachers' Conference Schools closed
Wednesday, October 12, 1955	Columbus Day Schools closed
Friday, November 11, 1955	Armistice Day Schools closed
Wednesday, November 23, 1955	Thanksgiving Recess Schools closed at regular time
Monday, November 28, 1955	Schools open
Wednesday, December 21, 1955	Christmas vacation Schools close at regular time
Tuesday, January 3, 1956	Schools open
Friday, February 17, 1956	Winter Vacation Schools close at regular time
Monday, February 27, 1956	Schools open
Friday, March 30, 1956	Good Friday Schools closed
Friday, April 13, 1956	Spring Vacation Schools close at regular time
Monday, April 23, 1956	Schools open
Wednesday, May 30, 1956	Memorial Day Schools closed
Friday, June 8, 1956	Elementary schools close for summer
Tuesday, June 19, 1956	High School graduation
Wednesday, June 20, 1956	High School closes

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Year 1954

Total Expenditures for Support from All
Sources \$103,764.18

Income on Account of Schools:

1. General School Fund	24,794.53
2. Transportation Reimbursement Chapter 679	4,641.74
3. Smith School Reimbursement (Include industrial training, etc.)	2,660.96
4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen	2,687.21
5. Supt. Reimbursement	1,398.79
6. State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	1,004.20
7. Cash Sent to Treasurer	32.25
 Total Income	 37,219.68

Net Expenditures from Local Taxation \$66,544.50

Report of School Committee

Greetings:

The school department has again accommodated more students in the past year than in the year before. We were faced with a first grade of 37 students in the Helen E. James School. Lack of space forced us to divide the grade into a morning and afternoon session. Transportation to take the pupils in the morning session home at noon was provided. This plan, a last resort at the time, seems to be working satisfactorily. Reports from the school show that more progress has been made in the first grade in spite of the curtailed length of the school day. This is an excellent example of the greater achievement that can come from smaller classes.

We made unanticipated, extensive repairs to the heating plants in both school buildings. This expense, coupled with an increased number of students at Smith's School and the added transportation mentioned above, led to overspending our budget by \$3,427.18. The bulk of this overdraught was covered by the Finance Committee and the balance of \$689.64 was taken from the Collins Fund. We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of the Finance Committee.

This school year will see the end of split classes in the Williamsburg System. With the new Anne T. Dunphy School and a Junior-Senior High School system, we anticipate a continued improvement in our educational offerings. We hope to draw more tuition students from the neighboring towns.

The School Committee lost a valuable and conscientious member when Warren McAvoy resigned last

August to become Town Accountant. Although we will miss his advice based on years of experience, we are happy that he is near at hand and we wish him well. Miss Eleanor Mansfield was elected by the committee and the selectmen to serve on the committee until a replacement is regularly elected.

Our relations with the Superintendent, school staff, and parents have been satisfying. We thank them all for their patience and support.

KENNETH SHERK
Chairman

January 10, 1955

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

The annual report of the Spt. of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the thirty-fourth in the present series and the fifty-third since the formation of the original school union. This is the second report since Southampton and Westhampton joined us to form Union #58.

The great history making event for our schools during 1954 has been the building of the new school at Williamsburg. It will be ready for use in September 1955. The building is of cinder block and brick construction. There will be six modern classrooms for grades one through six, a large gymnasium-auditorium which will serve the community as well as the school children, a modern cafeteria, teachers' room, principal's office, a conference room, and the superintendent's office. The gymnasium has been needed for many years. Now, our games, dramatics, assemblies, and graduations can be held in suitable surroundings. The building committee of which Mr. Norman Graves is chairman deserves a great deal of credit for seeing this project through successfully. It is a beautiful building of which the town may justly be proud.

The new building with the extra space it provides will make it possible to offer an expanded program of education and services for the youth of this town and the surrounding areas. The School Committee has voted that the six-six plan is the most desirable for our community because it is necessary to have a six grade elementary school in each village. Thus it becomes prac-

tical to organize a Junior-Senior High School in the present Helen E. James School Building.

The program which this new organization of our schools will have will include the three courses of study now offered in our senior high school, physical education and guidance. The juniors, the seventh and eighth grades, will have a departmentalized program of classes which will include all of the present grade subjects in longer periods, physical education and guidance. The science classes will make use of the high school laboratory. If it can be arranged with Smith's School, courses in home economics and shop work will be made available and credits given toward graduation from Williamsburg High School. These changes will bring to our town more and greater opportunities for all of our young people.

There was only one change in our teaching staff at the end of the year in June. Mr. Raymond Drew who had served as the art instructor decided to give up teaching and devote his time to his own painting. He has since been appointed curator of the George Vincent Smith Art Gallery in Springfield. We were sorry to lose him. To fill that vacancy, Mrs. Richard B. Warren of Williamsburg was appointed. Mrs. Warren is a graduate of Smith College where she studied art. She had one year of teaching experience at the Albany Academy for Girls. She is doing fine work for our boys and girls.

The high school was organized for Setpember with the following arrangement: Principal A. T. Dunphy, two classes in Latin, one in civics and local history, and guidance; Robert Branch, five classes in math., one in U. S. History, also audio-visual education; Peter P. Ball, six classes in science; Mrs. Lula Smith, five classes in English, assembly programs; Mrs. Francis Grinnell, three classes in typing, one in office practice, shorthand, book-keeping and junior business, also school publications;

Earl Tonet, two classes in French, one in problems of democracy, world geography, world history, coach of boy's athletics, and driver education; Olive Healy, one in chorus and one in orchestra; Mrs. Evelyn Kmit, coach of girls' basketball.

This school offers a college course, a general course, and a commercial course. As a special, a course in automobile driving is offered to young people who are near the age when licenses may be obtained. We are especially indebted to the F. N. Graves Company who through their manager, Richard Graves, have presented the school a new car to be used in this work. Besides the regular work, students may take part in girls' and boys' athletics, glee club, orchestra, school plays and publications. The school is in session eight periods a day from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. The tuition rate is \$200 per year.

Because of lack of playing space, we have had to use the Smith's School arena for basketball practice and games. Thanks are extended again to Smith's School for this help. Both teams have made good progress and have been well trained by their coaches. Here again, everyone will be happy to have the new gymnasium to use.

At the Helen E. James elementary school eight classes were in operation as follows: Principal Mrs. Edith Foster, grade 7; Miss Martha Diickerman, grade 8; Miss Nellie Dolan, grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, grade 5; Mrs. Eleanor Soden, grade 4; Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, grade 3; Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, grade 2; Mrs. Sophie Eaton, grade 1, two sessions.

The Haydenville School had six rooms in operation: Principal, Miss Margaret Trainor, grades 7 and 8; Mrs. Marion Hickey, grades 5 and 6; Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, grades 4 and 5; Mrs. Ruth Nash, grade 3; Mrs. Doris Tilley, grade 2; and Miss Mary Crampton, grade 1.

The special subject supervisors were Miss Olive Healy in music, Mrs. Richard Warren in drawing, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koss in penmanship.

Our teachers are well educated and trained for the work they have to do. Each year they take courses in education in order to be informed of the latest methods. They are interested in the growth and training of all children under their care. This year they have had another successful year. Their splendid services are sincerely appreciated.

Our health department has had another successful year. It has been under the direction of Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Charles Wheeler as school physicians. Dr. Glade P. Hall has been our dentist, and Mrs. Barbara Swanda our school nurse. The usual examinations and clinics have been held. No epidemics have been reported. This department has provided good protection for the health of our children during the year.

Special mention should be made here of the long and faithful service of Dr. Charles H. Wheeler who has been school physician for 45 years. The schools and the town are grateful for the efficient manner in which he directed the health program at the Haydenville School. His fine work is deeply appreciated.

The school department has supported 33 pupils in Smith's School where trade training and agriculture are available. Smith's School is now changing to a trade high school with a four year program. With a few exceptions, these pupils are doing good work. Transportation by bus ticket is furnished to all who desire it.

Our janitors have given the usual attention to the school buildings. Both boilers had to be repaired, and are now in excellent condition. Conversion to oil burning equipment has been postponed. The supervision of

buildings and the good work rendered by these men is sincerely appreciated.

The bus routes on which children have been transported are as follows: the North District, the Chesterfield Road and Searsville District, Haydenville and Mountain Street, South Street and Nash District. Tickets on the street railway buses are provided for 33 Smith's School students. One hundred and seventy-two elementary and high school pupils were carried safely during the year. These local buses cover 75.6 miles per day. Commendation is extended to these operators for the safe and efficient transportation provided.

The preservation of the ideals of our government, of freedom under law, and our democratic way of life depends more and more on the work of our schools. The opportunity for free education through the high school has become the accepted goal for all of the children of all of the people. This is the greatest undertaking of any nation on earth. Our hope lies in its success. May we all, during the coming year, work together toward the success of this ideal.

To principals, teachers, janitors, and all others, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine way in which the business of the school was carried on during my illness.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Members of the School Committee for their cooperation and help during 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. MERRITT

Superintendent of Schools

School Nurse

Mr. L. A. Merritt
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1954:

Dr. Hobbs was assisted with physical examinations of all pupils in Williamsburg. No defects were found.

Dr. Wheeler was assisted with physical examinations of all pupils in Haydenville. No defects were found.

Four pupils were taken to the County Sanitorium in Leeds to be X-rayed.

Four girls and one boy were sent to Camp Hodgkins from Haydenville. Much physical improvement was noticed.

All children were weighed and measured.

At each school visit, a conference was held with each teacher.

Miss Sullivan, State Nursing Supervisor, from Amherst has visited me several times. Her suggestions were most helpful.

Mrs. Foster has started a daily attendance book which has been most helpful in finding which child is absent and how many times.

Most of the illness of the children seems to be the common cold with severe coughs.

One case of mumps has been reported.

Many conferences were held with Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C.

There has been a great improvement in the lunches this year.

Several children were treated for minor cuts and bruises caused by falling.

One pupil was X-rayed at the hospital and treated for a fractured foot received on the way to school.

All the children were tested for hearing defects with the audiometer. Several retests were done and these children finally passed the test.

Dr. Glade Hall, the school dentist, completed 145 treatments in Williamsburg and 138 treatments in Haydenville.

Most of the pupils have been vision tested and several defects have been corrected.

Classroom inspection has been done and several children were given slips to take home because of dirty heads.

Sanitary inspection was done and found to be in good condition.

Many home visits were made and most parents were found cooperative.

In November, I spent one day at the University of Massachusetts learning about the change of glasses in the vision machine. The glasses or our new machine had to be taken to Northampton to an optometrist to be checked. This was done and they were found to be the required strength.

I wish to express my thanks to the Rotary Club for their purchase of this much needed vision machine, also to Mr. Merritt, all teachers, and Miss Harris for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara W. Swanda, R.N.

School Nurse

State Audit

BALANCE SHEET OF TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
March 27, 1954

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES
Cash, Accounts Receivable:	\$186,284.57	Employees' Payroll Deductions: Federal Taxes, _____ County Retirement System, 55.47
Taxes:		\$924.92
Levy of 1952:		39.60
Personal Property,	\$442.40	32.45
Real Estate,	933.30	54.33

Levy of 1953:	1,375.70	
Poll,	\$4.00	
Personal Property,	1,207.71	
Real Estate,	9,903.09	

	11,114.80	
Levy of 1954:		
Poll,	186.00	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1952,	\$163.81	
Levy of 1953,	484.53	
Levy of 1954,	842.04	

	1,490.38	
Tax Titles,	\$287.03	

Tax Possessions,	<u>192.43</u>	<u>479.46</u>	Onslow G. Spelman School Fund, Byron Loomis School Fund, Ethel Curry School Fund, Albert D. Sanders School Fund, Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund,	<u>238.62</u> <u>111.54</u> <u>37.50</u> <u>123.36</u> <u>58.25</u>
Departmental:				
Disability Assistance,	\$233.44			
Aid to Dependent Children	1,653.41			
Old Age Assistance,	1,220.59			
Water Department:				
Rates, Miscellaneous,	\$2,021.23 409.37		Old Age Assistance Recoveries, Federal Grants:	<u>5,132.82</u> <u>774.00</u>
Revenue 1954, Less Estimated Receipts Collected,	<u>\$200,579.04</u> <u>-9,369.33</u>	<u>2,430.60</u>	Disability Assistance: Administration, Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children: Administration, Aid.	<u>\$130.48</u> <u>489.10</u> <u>162.31</u> <u>1,211.15</u>
	<u>191,209.71</u>	<u>2,089.19</u>	Old Age Assistance: Administration, Assistance, Federal Works Agency—Water Plans and Engineering,	<u>1,334.80</u> <u>3,775.22</u> <u>12.00</u>
Water Receipts—to be Collected, Loans Authorized:			School Athletic Fund, Appropriation Balances:	
New Elementary School, Due from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund, Underestimates—1953 Assessments:	245,000.00	15,000.00	Revenue: General, Non-Revenue:	<u>7,115.06</u> <u>990.25</u>
State Parks and Reservations, County Tax,	\$82.37 49.22	<u>131.59</u>		\$194,607.41

Overlay Deficit:	
Levy of 1954,	
20.00	
	New Elementary School Construction,
	115,000.00
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	Loans Authorized and Unissued,
	Road Machinery Fund,
	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,
	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:
	Levy of 1952,
	\$1,375.70
	Levy of 1953,
	2,250.10
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	3,625.80
	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:
	Motor Vehicle and Trailer
	Excise,
	Tax Title and Possession,
	Departmental,
	Water,
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	Surplus Revenue,
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	\$659,919.44
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	\$659,919.44
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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt: Outside Debt Limit,

Water Main South Street

Extension Loan,

Water Main Sanitorium

Extension Loan, Underground Water Supply Loan.

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\$36,000.00

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\$36,000.00 Water Main South Street
Extension Loan. \$5,000.00

\$36,000.00 Extension Loan, \$5,000.00

Water Main Sanitorium

Extension Loan, 8,000.00
Underground Water Supply Loan. 23,000.00

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\$36,000.00





ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
WILLIAMSBURG
MASSACHUSETTS
1955

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Town Officers

As of Dec. 31, 1955

	Term Expires
Selectmen:	
Donald S. Outhuse, Chairman	1956
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk	1958
Frank Paul	1957
Town Clerk:	
Charles W. Wells	1956
Town Treasurer:	
Miss Anna E. Watson	1956
Assessors:	
Vernon P. West	1956
Joseph Dymerski	1957
Edwin Breckenridge, Chairman	1958
Tax Collector:	
Barbara W. Swanda	1958
Elector, Oliver Smith Will:	
Richard F. Watling	1956
School Committee:	
Eleanor Mansfield	1957
Eleanor Ballway	1956
Kenneth Sherk	1956
Norman Graves	1958
Stanley Soltys	1958

Constables :	
Charles Cross	1956
Vardic Golash	1956
Board of Health :	
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1958
Bernard Reardon, Chairman	1957
Mrs. Margaret Nelson	1956
Water Commissioners :	
Bertram Clarke	1956
Howard Sanderson	1957
Charles M. Damon, Jr., Chairman	1958
Tree Warden :	
David Dewey	1956
Trustees of Haydenville Library :	
Mrs. Lula Smith	1956
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1958
Miss Lorà Phinney (Resigned)	1957
Trust Fund Commissioners :	
Frederick Smith	1956
Roswell S. Jorgenson (Resigned)	1957
Arthur Showalter	1958
Recreation Committee :	
Albert Mosher, Jr.	1958
Barbara Hathaway	1957
Richard Graves, Chairman	1958
Moderator :	
John H. Breguet	1956

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 14, 1955 as follows: Donald Outhuse, Chairman; Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk and Veterans' Agent, and Frank Paul, Chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

Chapter 90 road construction was completed on the lower end of the Ashfield Road. Construction was then started at the town line but was not completed because of the August flood.

Chapter 81 Construction was done on Nash Street.

We recommend the purchase of a sander for the town. We also recommend the purchase of a new truck, trading one or two of the old ones.

Our highway program was disrupted due to the floods of August and October. It was necessary to stop our regular work and spend almost 8 weeks on flood repairs. Part of this work was done under the direction of the U. S. Army, Corp of Engineers, and we have received over \$6400 reimbursement from them. The balance of the work was done under the Mass. Flood Damage Law and we are now in process of getting a settlement from them. In all over \$11,000 has been spent to make these damaged roads passable and there is more to do, we hope at no cost to the town.

We wish to sincerely thank the other town officers, committees and townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE

FRANK PAUL

Articles from the Town Warrant

✓ Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect three School Committeemen, two for three years and one for two years, one Trust Fund Commissioner, two Library Trustees, one Assessor, one Member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, all for a term of three years. Two Water Commissioners, ~~one for one year and one for three years.~~

✓ Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

✓ Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

✓ Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

✓ Article 5. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

✓ Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

✓ Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

✓ Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

✓ Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

✓ Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

✓ Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1233.94 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

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Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$10,000.00 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1955 to the Road Machinery Account of 1956. 1957 1958

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from March 1, 1956 to February 28, 1957, who shall be provided with an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of twenty hours per week throughout the year, except for such periods of vacation or leave as may be agreed upon; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from which to pay this Secretary, maintenance costs for which shall be provided from the maintenance appropriations allotted to the various departments for which the Secretary acts; that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Selectmen and the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to complete the addition to the Williamsburg Fire Station, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to pay Carl King for land

damages as set forth in the committee report, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,850.00 to purchase an 18,000 lb. gross vehicle weight truck with dump body for the highway department, \$2,500.00 to be transferred from Truck and Tractor earnings and \$1,350.00 to be raised and appropriated, and empower the Selectmen to trade in one or two of the present trucks, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to buy a road sander and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for same, or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to buy a sickle mower for the old cemetery, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 to pay Robert Collins for land damage, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to enter into a contract for an expert appraisal of taxable real estate for a period not exceeding three years, and to appropriate a sum of money to be expended therefor in the current year, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to join with other towns in this area, to form a district to be served by one Veterans' Agent. Williamsburg's share of the cost to be paid out of Veterans' Agent salary and maintenance, or take any other action thereon.

✓ Article 24. To see if the Town will empower the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commissioners to appoint their own members to other town positions, or take any other action thereon.

~~Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to hire one school traffic officer each for Williamsburg and Haydenville and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to pay for same or take any other action thereon.~~

~~Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, the sum of \$343.82 to the Finance Overlay Reserve Fund, this being money transferred in 1955 to meet emergency, or take any other action thereon.~~

~~Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$25,000.00 to pay the School Bonds due in 1956.~~

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~~Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the notes which is due in 1956 on the South Street Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.~~ *Sept 1956*

~~Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1956 on the Additional Water Supply Loan, or take any other action thereon.~~

~~Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$405.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest on the Additional Water Supply Loan, which is due in 1956, or take any other action thereon.~~

~~Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1956 on the Water Extension to the Hampshire County Sanatorium, or take any other action thereon.~~

~~Article 32. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$82.50 from the Water Surplus~~

Account to pay the interest which is due in 1956 on the Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a new fire station in Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a piece of property, approximately 60' x 100', now owned by the Haydenville Company, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or borrow and appropriate, a sum of money to be spent by the School Committee, or some other designated group, to make the following repairs on and in the Helen E. James School building and grounds: 1. Point up outside bricks. 2. New roof on the newest part of the building. 3. Install new water line from the street to the building and install inside pipes which now cut down the water pressure. 4. Install a new electric cable from the street to the building so that more electricity will be available, also include a new fuse board. 5. Install new lights in four rooms on the second floor which now have old style lights, install a new light in the office, new lights in room 7 on the first floor, new lights in the basement corridors, new lights in the east half of the library to match those in the west end, new lights in both toilet rooms, teachers' room and nurse's room. 6. A nurse's room to be made from the old athletic room. A toilet and lavatory could be installed where the present showers are located. A teacher's room to be made in the present nurse's room by insulating the wall toward the girls' toilet room, also redecorate the present women's lavatory. 7. Girls' toilet—install five new toilets, 3 lavatories and redecorate the room. Boys' toilet—five new toilets, 3 new lavatories and redecorate the room. 8.

~~Paint outside woodwork and repair the sash. 9. Repair floor at stair landings. 10. Rebuild the brook wall on the school side. 11. Convert to oil heat, or take any other action thereon.~~

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee refers you to the Town Accountant report wherein is listed those transfers made by the Finance Committee from Reserve Fund for year of 1955.

The reason for these transfers was to meet unforeseen and emergency needs of various departments which occurred during the year.

Last year in our report we requested all Departments to live within their appropriation as voted by Town Meeting and to notify Finance Committee of any financial emergency when it arises and not wait until end of year. We are very happy to state that our request was complied with and our transfers were not as large as in previous years.

The Finance Committee has met with all Departments and have discussed ways and means of keeping Budget Requests at a minimum.

All articles in Warrant calling for appropriation have been acted upon and will be reported in Town Meeting.

The Committee having acted on Budget Requests and knowing of the large increase, are concerned about appropriations on articles which will increase our Tax Rate a substantial amount in 1956. Our available funds are not as large as they should be, because of refunds from the State which did not come in for use in our 1956 budget.

We hope all citizens of the Town will be cautious in the action on articles presented in Town Warrant so that our Tax Rate will not go out of bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN DUNPHY

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

JOHN JONES

ROY LEONARD

HANS NIETSCHE

ROLLO PURRINGTON

MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER

WINFIELD SMITH

MRS. HARRY WILLISTON

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1956

	1955 Approp.	1955 Expended	1956 Request	1956 Recom.
Moderator	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	1,960.68	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	40.00	25.00	40.00	40.00
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	\$4,040.00	\$1,985.68	\$4,040.00	\$4,040.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, chairman	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
member	150.00	150.00	250.00	200.00
member	150.00	150.00	250.00	200.00
Maintenance	300.00	259.41	300.00	300.00
Advertising	50.00	38.38	50.00	50.00
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	\$950.00	\$897.79	\$1,350.00	\$1,150.00
Treasurer				
Salary	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Maintenance	350.00	279.53	350.00	350.00
Tax Title Expense	75.00	38.25	75.00	75.00
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	\$1,325.00	\$1,217.78	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Accountant				
Salary	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Maintenance	100.00	101.85	100.00	100.00
New Equipment	100.00	67.40		
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	\$950.00	\$919.25	\$850.00	\$850.00

Assessors				
Salaries	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Maintenance	250.00	277.78	250.00	250.00
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	\$800.00	\$827.78	\$800.00	\$800.00
 Town Clerk				
Salary	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Maintenance	352.50	344.58	300.00	300.00
Elections and Registrations	335.00	343.80	800.00	800.00
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	\$987.50	\$988.38	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
 Tax Collector				
Salary	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Maintenance	475.00	475.00	475.00	475.00
Adding Machine			294.00	294.00
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	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,369.00	\$1,369.00
 General Government				
Town Hall	\$750.00	\$824.87	\$300.00	\$300.00
Town Shed	150.00	123.04	150.00	150.00
Legal Consultation	250.00	125.00	250.00	250.00
Sealer, Wgts. and Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	500.00	492.39	900.00	900.00
Town Clocks	125.00	104.61	175.00	175.00
Town Reports	350.00	340.00	350.00	350.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Wood Lot	10.00	8.40	10.00	10.00
Gypsy Moth			642.40	642.40
Dutch Elm Control			321.20	321.20
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	\$2,385.00	\$2,268.31	\$3,348.60	\$3,348.60
 Recreation Committee				
Athletic Field	\$500.00	\$287.46	\$400.00	\$400.00
Recreation	100.00	130.95	100.00	100.00
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	\$600.00	\$418.41	\$500.00	\$500.00

Police

Salaries	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Telephones and Mileage	100.00	114.19	125.00	125.00
Special Police	100.00	106.00	100.00	100.00
Equipment	100.00	43.15	100.00	100.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,232.95	1,400.00	1,400.00
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	\$1,900.00	\$1,696.29	\$1,925.00	\$1,925.00

Fire Department

Salaries, Chief	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Deputy Chief	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Firefighters	80.00	68.00	70.00	70.00
Telephone and Lights	720.00	781.29	750.00	750.00
Insurance	155.00	200.43	200.50	200.50
Labor at Fires	1,000.00	746.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel	400.00	460.65	400.00	400.00
Equipment Maintenance	750.00	1,101.36	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training	300.00	133.61	300.00	300.00
New Equipment	940.00	1,095.04	800.00	800.00
Water Holes	100.00		100.00	100.00
Building Maintenance	705.00	555.38	600.00	600.00
Administration		48.96	50.00	50.00
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	\$5,500.00	\$5,541.22	\$5,620.50	\$5,620.50

Highways

Chapter 81	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.08	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
General and Winter	9,000.00	8,915.91	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bridges and Railings	1,000.00	995.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sidewalk Repair	100.00	57.00	200.00	200.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	1,277.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.02	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tools	200.00	162.93	200.00	200.00
Street Lights	3,120.00	3,121.68	3,220.00	3,220.00
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	\$20,070.00	\$18,680.41	\$22,270.00	\$22,270.00

Board of Health**Public Health**

(Sanatorium)	\$1,200.00	\$505.65	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Barn and Animal Inspection	60.00	50.00	60.00	60.00
Chairman's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Dairy Inspection	75.00	75.00	75.00
Slaughter Inspection	125.00	40.00	125.00
Haydenville Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish Collection	500.00	419.00	500.00
Well Child Clinic	300.00	298.17	300.00
Town Dump Caretaker	520.00	498.60	520.00
Town Dump Maintenance	300.00	458.25	300.00
Public Health			
Administration	100.00	67.60	100.00
Garbage Collection	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Immunization Clinic			
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	\$5,280.00	\$4,437.27	\$5,580.00
			\$5,580.00

Water Department

Caretaker,				
Pumping Station	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Caretaker, Watershed			100.00	100.00
Caretaker, Chlorinator	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Pipeline Maintenance	4,000.00	3,736.78	5,000.00	3,329.35
Watershed	500.00	58.73	3,800.00	3,800.00
Chlorinator Maintenance	300.00	271.39	1,000.00	1,000.00
Well Maintenance and				
Pumping Costs	700.00	902.83	1,200.00	1,200.00
Administration and Rent	100.00	169.19	300.00	300.00
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	\$5,850.00	\$5,388.92	\$11,650.00	\$9,979.35

Public Welfare

General Aid	\$3,000.00	\$1,843.85	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Aid to Dependent				
Children	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Old Age Assistance	22,000.00	22,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Agent's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	\$38,700.00	\$37,543.85	\$37,700.00	\$37,700.00

Veterans' Benefits

Benefits	\$1,300.00	\$2,836.68	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Agent's Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Agent's Maintenance	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
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	\$1,750.00	\$3,286.68	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00

Cemeteries				
Mountain Street	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Old Village Hill	75.00	70.40	200.00	200.00
	\$150.00	\$145.40	\$275.00	\$275.00
Library, Haydenville	\$400.00	\$387.41	\$500.00	\$500.00
Interest on Revenue	\$200.00	\$116.88	\$200.00	\$200.00
Workmen's Compensation	\$1,200.00	\$1,237.86	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
School Department				
Teachers' Salaries	\$77,763.30	\$78,990.56	\$92,099.36	\$92,099.36
Special Class Law 514	1,200.00		3,500.00	3,500.00
Janitors' Salaries	7,100.00	7,316.73	9,900.00	9,900.00
Janitors' Supplies	1,100.00	1,121.33	1,300.00	1,300.00
Drawing Supervisor	630.00	733.44	1,026.67	1,026.67
Superintendent's Salary	2,700.00	3,200.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Penmanship	480.00	480.00	570.00	570.00
Secretarys' Salaries	1,800.00	2,100.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
Union Expense	225.00	300.00	415.00	415.00
Nurse and Travel Expense	685.00	685.00	706.67	706.67
Physicians' Salaries	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00
Transportation	7,500.00	7,869.50	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	2,600.00	2,911.11	5,000.00	5,000.00
Repairs	2,400.00	1,983.02	800.00	800.00
Sundries	450.00	861.06	997.00	997.00
Books	2,000.00	2,638.23	2,830.00	2,830.00
Classroom Supplies	1,500.00	1,366.49	1,960.00	1,960.00
Office Supplies	350.00	129.11	350.00	350.00
<i>Athletics and</i>				
Transportation	773.75	806.23	1,441.85	1,441.85
Smith's School Tuition	9,200.00	6,909.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
<i>Smith's School</i>				
Transportation	1,600.00	936.05	1,600.00	1,600.00
New Equipment	1,200.00	1,946.99	335.00	335.00
Insurance	1,670.20	1,519.29	1,147.53	1,147.53
Committees' Salaries	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Lights	1,300.00	1,396.42	2,200.00	2,200.00
Driver Education			200.00	200.00
Physical Education			130.00	130.00
Music Supervisor	1,420.00	1,420.18	1,866.67	1,866.67
Cafeteria	3,000.00	3,000.00		
	\$131,322.25	\$131,294.74	\$153,250.75	\$153,250.75
Totals added	\$94,147.50	\$89,095.57	\$105,088.10	\$103,217.45
	\$225,469.75	\$220,390.31	\$258,338.85	\$256,468.20

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 275 dog licenses issued in 1955 as follows:

177 males
25 females
71 spayed females
2 transfer licenses

Six kennel licenses were issued. The sum of \$635.40 was paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 611 sporting licenses issued in 1955 for which the sum of \$1,989.00 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 53 births were recorded in 1955, including 7 which occurred in 1954 and on which records were received in 1955.

1954

Nov. 11 Rebecca Faith Nicholls
21 James Robert Fisher

Dec. 4 Jacquelyn Alice Rice
10 Rebecca Isabell Wilson
21 Carol Ann McCarthy
23 Glenn Alan Stone

1955

Jan. 5 Timothy Scott Packard
6 Kathaleen Ann Lockwood

- 10 Michael Jeffrey Miller
17 Dorothy Jeanne Packard
21 Elliott Graham Davidson
- Feb. 8 John Newell Rouner
11 Sara Brown
12 Robert John Hathaway
- Mar. 1 Diane Lynn Lavalle
4 Margaret Mary Bohmer
19 Debra Louise Lawton
24 Nancy Elizabeth Stowe
25 Robert Clifton Emerson
28 James Stewart Loomis
30 Clair Jean Blanchet
- Apr. 1 Sandra Sophie Kopka
6 Harold Raymond Rindge, III
12 Jennifer Ruth Ball
16 Maureen Anne O'Brien
18 David George Tirrell
28 Carl Nicholas Angelo
- May 3 Susan Marie Brown
6 Rosanne Marie Dufresne
21 Donald Warren Turner
24 Henry Stephen Stone
30 Allen Harry Hathaway, Jr.
- June 12 Doreen Ann Demerski
27 Karl Andrew Hathaway
- July 14 Barlow
18 Wayne Robert Munson
- Aug. 7 Melodie Catherine Cone
8 David Elton Elmes
8 John Christopher Winne
25 Harry Dondoros
30 Robert William Horton
31 Stephen James Golash

- Sept. 2 Frank Joseph Vaillancourt, Jr.
 24 Maria Terese O'Brien
 27 Wendy Elaine Emerson
 27 Renné Jean Magdalenski
 29 Deac England Tiley
 30 Heather Maria Peña
- Oct. 9 Michael Paul Smith
 23 Priscilla Lysle Christenson
 25 Cheyrl Ann Fay
 27 Henry James Warner, Jr.
 31 Daniel Charles Ring

MARRIAGES

There were 31 marriages of Williamsburg residents recorded in 1955, as follows:

- Jan. 8 Alice Anna Lacasse, Williamsburg, Mass.
 William George Martin, Easthampton, Mass.
 28 Dorothy A. Hillenbrand, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Frank J. Vaillancourt, Williamsburg, Mass.
 29 Helen (Holt) Colson, Williamsburg, Mass.
 John Furgal, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Apr. 5 Bernadine L. Roy, Northampton, Mass.
 James F. Magdalenski, Haydenville, Mass.
- May 7 Mary Elizabeth Smart, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Rudolph Victor Lastowski, Northampton,
 Mass.
 21 Jeannette A. Baldwin, Haydenville, Mass.
 Matthew Ingellis, Haydenville, Mass.
 28 Sylvia Mae Nye, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Douglas W. Smith, Easthampton, Mass.
 30 Mary E. Cleary, Easthampton, Mass.
 Edward J. Ames, Haydenville, Mass.
 30 Elisabeth Shoemaker, Montpelier, Vt.
 Robert N. Linscott, New York, N. Y.

- June 8 Jane Elizabeth Smith, Williamsburg, Mass.
Frank J. Kabot, Warren Pennsylvania,
9 Carolyn Hobbs, Williamsburg, Mass.
David Tiley, Williamsburg, Mass.
11 Ruth L. Bisbee, Williamsburg, Mass.
Warren O. McAvoy, Williamsburg, Mass.
28 Lillian R. (Conras) Smith, Melrose, Mass.
Edward J. Leszczynski, Haydenville, Mass.
29 Irene J. Sanderson, Haydenville, Mass.
George A. Polhemus, Haydenville, Mass.
- July 2 Barbara Burg, New Britain, Conn.
Franklin King, III, Williamsburg, Mass.
9 Shirley McCallom, Greenfield, Mass.
Robert George Cross, Williamsburg, Mass.
16 Yvonne Louise Dufresne, Williamsburg, Mass.
William Swinington, Williamsburg, Mass.
16 Alice M. Gagne, Easthampton, Mass.
Herbert M. Nye, Williamsburg, Mass.
30 Marie J. Emery, Greenfield, Mass.
Arthur Cross, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Aug. 7 Sandra Jane Kellogg, Haydenville, Mass.
Eric Wayne Liimatainen, West Chesterfield,
Mass.
17 Irene Lillian Dufresne, Williamsburg, Mass.
Raymond Francis Heath, Jr., Haydenville,
Mass.
- Sept. 3 Janet Vayda, Williamsburg, Mass.
David A. Adam, Goshen, Mass.
10 Shirley Elizabeth Magdalenski, Haydenville,
Mass.
Luther Cameron, Jr., Baxterville, Mississippi
24 Sondra Kay Black, Williamsburg, Mass.
David Harmon Snow, Lanesboro, Mass.
24 Irene May Fosdick, Winchester, New Hamp-
shire
Leo Albert LaCasse, Williamsburg, Mass.

- Oct. 1 Frostine Adella Graves, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Victor Rudolph Beckman, Silver Spring, Maryland
- 22 Helen L. Morse, Florence, Mass.
 James F. McAllister, Jr., Haydenville, Mass.
- Nov. 8 Martha LeBlanc, Greenfield, Mass.
 Ronald Foster, Haydenville, Mass.
- 19 Elizabeth (Blacking) Ray, Williamsburg,
 Mass.
 Leslie F. Curtis, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 23 Karyl Ronka, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Richard M. Towse, Haydenville, Mass.
- 24 Julia Clara Kolosewicz, Haydenville, Mass.
 Robert Wallace Kellogg, Chesterfield, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 28 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1955, as follows:

	Date 1955	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Da.
Jan.	13	Olga A. (Karamoropoulou) Demetriou	66	11	1
	17	Emma May (Cooper) Bowyer	84	0	7
Feb.	7	Silas Snow	77	1	13
	24	Mary (Byrnes) Walshe	63	11	22
Mar.	10	Thomas C. Dillon	83	4	9
	11	Charles Holmes Wheeler	75	4	6
Apr.	3	Edward P. Dunphy	86	3	11
	18	Sophie (Kochienski) Kopka	57	11	3
	23	Linda Ruth Sanderson	17	7	21
	25	Wilbur Malcolm Heath	15	3	17
May	6	Avelina (LaMagdelaine) Bird	60	5	12
	12	Carrie (Bennett) Otis	67	4	16
	25	Grace Kezia (Bryant) Best	74	3	21
	27	Katherine (Mahar) McCarthy	88	0	22

June	18	Nina (Strong) Jones	58	9	28
July	16	Hattie L. (Freeman) Edwards	87	0	9
	17	Ernest T. Barker	61	10	3
	22	Mabel (Mahoney) Burke	79	0	20
Aug.	12	Beatrice Beaudry	52	—	—
	18	Benjamin Otis Stephens	73	9	4
Sept.	7	Orrin J. Blinn	91	10	0
	15	Doreen Anne Demerski		3	3
Nov.	4	Charles E. Dalton	87	5	3
	8	James R. Mansfield	84	6	14
	15	Mary T. (Molloy) Ryan	68	6	12
	19	Lewis L. Bartlett	88	2	24
	21	Claire (Johnson) Washburn	68	—	11
Dec.	2	Walter P. Swinington	80	7	17

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954:

1953 Personal Property	\$48.60
Real Estate	2,005.01
Excise	11.09
1954 Personal Property	4,164.29
Real Estate	23,166.72
Excise	1,709.65
Total	\$31,105.36

Commitments:

1955 Poll Tax	\$1,068.00
Personal Property	15,366.89
Real Estate	128,550.17
Excise	20,581.39
1954 Excise given Jan. 1955	234.33
Total	\$165,800.78

Collected and Paid Treasurer:
(Including Interest)

1953 Personal Property	\$52.15
Real Estate	2,067.28
Excise	14.85
1954 Personal Property	3,512.27
Real Estate	20,490.95
Excise	1,428.30

1955	Poll Tax	971.18
	Personal Property	12,403.59
	Real Estate	102,523.96
	Excise	16,710.78
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Total		\$160,175.31

Tax Titles :

1955	\$86.76
	10.80
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Total	97.56

Abatements :

1954	Excise	\$200.00
1955	Poll Tax	18.00
	Personal Property	220.32
	Real Estate	5,289.42
	Excise	2,359.79
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Total		\$8,087.53

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955:

1953	Real Estate	\$52.81
1954	Personal Property	1,224.76
	Real Estate	2,489.74
	Excise	349.26
1955	Poll Tax	82.00
	Personal Property	2,752.56
	Real Estate	21,300.30
	Excise	1,407.41
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Total		\$29,658.84

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1955, Balance on hand	\$273,841.58
Receipts for year	341,223.43
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	\$615,065.01

Credits

Payments for year	\$501,289.59
Jan. 1, 1956, Balance on hand	113,775.42
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	\$615,065.01

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,

Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balances and Balance Sheet will be found in the following pages.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation. Periodic examinations have been made on the accounts of the Water Department and Collector of Taxes. It would make the office much easier if all departments would keep a record of their expenses for future checking.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes 1953 Personal Property	\$48.60
Taxes 1953 Real Estate	1,952.20
Taxes 1954 Personal Property	3,665.46
Taxes 1954 Real Estate	19,441.25
Water Liens to 1954 Taxes	334.75
Poll Taxes 1955	970.00
Taxes 1955 Personal Property	12,396.07
Taxes 1955 Real Estate	102,461.93
	\$141,270.26

Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise 1953	11.09	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise 1954	1,377.35	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise 1955	16,688.66	
		————— \$18,077.10
Taxes, State		
Corporation	\$5,671.92	
Income Tax	3,124.79	
Income Tax—		
School Aid, Chapter 70	24,866.40	
Meal Tax	682.43	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	112.08	
Paraplegic Veterans	151.20	
Indigent Persons	142.10	
		————— \$34,750.92
Licenses:		
Liquor	\$4,900.00	
Board of Health	6.00	
Junk	8.00	
Automatic Music and Amusement	18.33	
Common Victualers	26.00	
Hawkers	24.00	
Sunday Licenses	18.00	
Used Car	25.00	
Gasoline	4.50	
Firearms	5.00	
		————— \$5,034.83
Permits:		
Pistol	\$9.50	
		————— \$9.50
Fines and Forfeitures:		
Court	\$51.50	
Dog Licenses for County	673.80	
		————— \$725.30

Grants and Gifts:

County—	
Dog Licenses Refunds	\$420.03
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00
State—	
Chapter 90 Construction	5,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	
Special Rte. 143	4,500.00
Chapter 81	4,632.43
School Transportation	5,914.50
School Superintendent	1,368.66
Public Health	187.14
New Elementary School	8,903.10
Commodity Distribution Fund	
School Lunch	946.79
U. S. Grants—	
Storm Damage, Highways	6,457.29
Disability Assistance	2,205.23
Disability Assistance	
Administration	25.43
Aid to Dependent Children	4,894.49
Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	415.24
Old Age Assistance	11,490.91
Old Age Administration	148.43
	\$60,019.67

Departmental Revenue:

Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$46.70
Disability Assistance, State	3,027.43
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,969.28
Old Age Asssitance—State	13,349.00
Disablity Assistance	
Administration—State	12.71
Old Age Assistance—	
Cities and Towns	1,687.15

Veterans' Benefits—State	696.21
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	2,178.50
School Department—	
Tuition	5,332.60
State Wards' Tuition and	
Transportation	1,122.00
Miscellaneous Sales	171.65
Insurance Refund	20.74
Cafeteria Income	4,381.02
General Relief—Temporary Aid	
and Transportation	342.70
	—————
	\$36,337.69
Vocational Education—State	2,777.97
Water Rents	10,328.20
County Extension Note and Interest	1,937.50
Water Miscellaneous	377.79
Water Entrances and Connections	357.00
Water Lien Fees	6.00
Liquor Advertisements	27.50
Tax Collector's Costs and Fees	49.30
Truck and Tractor Earnings	7,276.01
Sale of Town Histories	10.00
Tax Title Sale	325.00
Tax Title Check to Treasurer	35.00
High School Athletic Fund	217.40
	—————
	\$23,724.67
Federal Withholding Tax	\$14,774.13
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,003.24
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	980.00
	—————
	\$16,757.37
Interest:	
Taxes, Real and Personal	\$735.95
Taxes, Motor Vehicle and	
Trailer Excise	36.70
Treasurer's Deposit	305.27
	—————
	\$1,077.92

Library Fines	7.56
Trust Funds :	
Income	
Collins School Fund	\$1,185.62
Whiting Street Fund	160.25
Electa Waite Fund	53.20
A. S. Hills Fund	150.00
Mary L. Main Fund	75.00
Byron Loomis Fund	223.08
O. G. Spelman Fund	1,097.65
Ethel Curry Fund	26.25
C. J. Hills Fund	150.00
Cemetery Fund	39.76
Lyman Waite Fund	20.13
Albert D. Sanders Fund	170.84
Ellsworth H. Hyde Fund	78.86
	—————
	\$3,430.64
Total Receipts	\$841,223.43
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	273,841.58
	—————
	\$615,065.01
	—————

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$117,800.44
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Trustee	3,694.07
	—————
	\$121,494.51
	—————
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	\$16,432.21
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51

Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,423.45
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	36,947.77
Byron Loomis School Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,264.22
Helen E. James School Fund	3,694.07
Henry M. Warner Fund	5,410.45
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	\$121,494.51
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NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$247,000.00
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	\$247,000.00
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Water Main South Street Extension Loan	\$4,000.00
Water Main Sanatorium Extension Loan	4,000.00
Underground Water Supply Loan	19,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School Loan	220,000.00
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	\$247,000.00
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PAYMENTS

Moderator	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	\$600.00
Selectmen's Maintenance	259.41
Advertising Notices	38.38
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	\$897.79

Accountant's Salary	\$750.00
Accountant's Maintenance	101.85
Accountant's New Equipment	67.40

	\$919.25
Treasurer's Salary	\$900.00
Treasurer's Maintennace	279.53
Tax Title Expense	38.25

	\$1,217.78
Tax Collector's Salary	\$600.00
Tax Collector's Maintenance	475.00

	\$1,075.00
Assessors' Salaries	\$550.00
Assessors' Maintenance	277.78

	\$827.78
Town Counsel	\$125.00
Town Clerk's Salary	\$300.00
Town Clerk's Maintenance	344.58

	\$644.58
Elections and Registrations :	
Registrars	\$125.00
Election of Officers	84.00
Printing and Stationery	31.50
Loud Speaker System	60.00
Rent	25.00
Record Book	18.30

	\$343.80
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	\$10.00
Finance Committee Clerk	\$25.00
Executive Secretary's Salary	\$1,313.13
Town Hall :	
Fuel	\$52.00
Lights	59.16
Telephone	217.51
Janitor	91.15

Painting Exterior	394.00
Repairs	11.05
	—————
	\$824.87
Town Shed:	
Fuel	\$77.00
Repairs	46.04
	—————
	\$123.04
Total General Government	\$8,372.02
Police Department:	
Salaries	\$200.00
Labor	868.45
Special Police	106.00
Legal	25.00
Equipment	43.15
Mileage	188.80
Dog Tax Collection Fees	30.60
Telephones	114.19
Court Fees	120.10
	—————
	\$1,696.29
Fire Department:	
Salaries	\$418.00
Telephones	663.09
Lights	118.20
Insurance	200.43
Labor and Training	880.11
Fuel	460.65
Equipment Maintenance	840.81
Truck Repair	208.51
New Equipment	1,095.04
Building Maintenance	555.38
Administration	48.96
	—————
	\$5,489.18

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	\$94.64
Equipment	5.36
	—————
	\$100.00

Tree Warden:

Labor	\$266.39
Chain Saw	67.50
Truck and Tractor	158.50
	—————
	\$492.39

Dutch Elm Control:

Labor	\$264.03
Chain Saw	80.25
Truck and Tractor	117.11
Spraying	265.00
	—————
	\$726.39

Civil Defense:

Observation Post Construction	\$309.99
Furnishings	63.11
Lights	8.00
	—————
	\$381.10

Total Protection of Persons and Property \$8,885.35

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salary	\$100.00
Administration	67.70
Sanatorium	505.65
Barn and Animal Inspection	50.00
Slaughter Inspection	40.00
Town Dump Rent	200.00
Town Dump Caretaker	498.60
Garbage Collection	1,800.00

Rubbish Collection	419.00
Town Dump Maintenance	458.25
Well Child Clinic	298.17
Visiting Nurse	1,200.00
	—————
Total Health and Sanitation	\$5,637.37

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Chapter 81:

Labor	\$6,026.15
Town Equipment	3,223.51
Private Equipment	1,258.25
Gravel	972.22
Colprovia	797.10
Culverts	73.08
Calcium Chloride	100.53
Hot Patch	234.40
Stone	20.25
Oil	1,244.03
Tar	306.56
Sanding	444.00
	—————
	\$14,700.08

Storm Damage—Highways

Labor	\$2,207.89
Town Equipment	1,695.75
Private Equipment	6,353.25
Gravel	1,000.65
Colprovia	333.00
Culverts	128.60
Stone	5.50
	—————
	\$11,724.64

Chapter 90 Construction—Route 143 Special

Labor	\$1,131.35
Town Equipment	423.00
Private Equipment	1,290.75

Cement	44.63
Kerosene	11.80
Gravel and Grits	249.64
Grass Seed	8.85
Tar	864.21
Cement Blocks	46.55
	—————
	\$4,070.78

Winter and General Highways:

Labor	\$3,318.79
Town Equipment	1,713.25
Plowing	106.39
Sanding	2,641.90
Sand	561.35
Salt	172.69
Patch	98.40
Plow Blades	303.14
	—————
	\$8,915.91

Bridges and Railings:

Labor	\$364.98
Town Equipment	115.50
Cement	143.02
Steel Rod	182.88
Miscellaneous (letters and figures)	10.20
Sand	11.71
Lumber	159.75
Private Equipment	7.00
	—————
	\$995.04

Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	\$1,905.81
Town Equipment	487.75
Private Equipment	736.25
Gravel	467.89
Cement	13.00
Grass Seed	6.63
Power Saw	31.00

Lumber	9.08
Culverts	696.01
Oil	757.58
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	\$5,111.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$635.08
Town Equipment	425.75
Private Equipment	128.00
Colprovia	121.80
Tar	1,209.35
Gravel	249.95
Grits	230.09
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	\$3,000.02

Sidewalks:

Labor	\$30.00
Town Equipment	27.00
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	\$57.00

Fairfield Ave. Sign:

Labor	\$5.00
Sign	9.93
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	\$14.93

Old Goshen Road Repair:

Labor	\$50.50
Town Equipment	39.75
Gravel	6.00
Culvert	88.59
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	\$184.84

Tool Account \$162.93

Street Lights \$3,121.68

Truck and Tractor Maintenance:

Repairs and Parts	\$1,576.10
Gas, Oil and Grease	1,648.49
Insurance	538.67

Tires	207.50
Anti-freeze	74.40
Pump	34.00
Tools	32.18
	—————
Rent of Power Grader	\$4,111.34 \$1,400.00
	—————
Total of Highways and Bridges	\$57,570.19

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

General Relief:

Board and Room	\$1,455.49
Hospital	227.36
Physicians	11.00
Burial	150.00
	—————
	\$1,843.85

Welfare Agent's Salary:

Town	\$1,000.00
Federal D. A. Administration	188.55
Federal A. D. C. Administration	595.26
	—————
	\$1,783.81

Welfare Agent's Administration	\$200.00
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Disability Assistance—Town:

Assistance	\$2,790.61
Physicians	29.00
Hospitals	2,148.75
Medicine	11.14
Glasses	20.50
	—————
	\$5,000.00

Disability Assistance—Federal:

Assistance	\$1,574.31
Physicians	57.00

Hospitals	732.91
Medicine	15.39
	—————
	\$2,379.61
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	\$7,379.61

Aid to Dependent Children—Town:

Aid	\$6,507.71
Physicians	118.25
Hospitals	545.86
Glasses	76.00
Medicine	43.68
Dental	208.50
	—————
	\$7,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children—Federal:

Aid	\$2,838.21
Physicians	76.00
Medicine	29.96
Hospitals	533.58
Glasses	25.00
Dental	90.00
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	\$11,092.75
	\$8,592.75

Old Age Assistance—Town:

Assistance	\$17,087.39
Homes	1,088.00
Physicians	498.60
Medicine	417.82
Glasses	76.50
Dental	5.00
Ambulance	30.00
Hospitals	2,784.69
Miscellaneous	12.00
	—————
	\$22,000.00

Old Age Assistance—Federal:

Assistance	\$7,120.85
Homes	455.00
Physicians	126.40
Medicine	106.91
Hospitals	198.94
Glasses	13.00
	\$8,021.10
	\$30,021.10

Veterans' Benefits:

Benefits	\$2,372.95
Fuel	204.25
Medicine	16.12
Physicians	16.00
Hospital	227.36
	\$2,836.68
Veterans' Agent's Salary	\$300.00
Veterans' Agent's Maintenance	\$150.00
	\$3,286.68
Total Charities and Soldier's Benefits	\$55,607.80

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Superintendents' Salaries	\$3,200.00
Clerks' Salaries	2,100.00
Office Supplies	129.11
Telephones	402.01
Union Expense	300.00
Sundries	459.05
Athletics	806.23
Nurse and Travel	685.00
Insurance	1,519.29
Physicians	400.00
Committees' Salary	275.00

Teachers' Salaries	78,990.56
Music Teacher	1,420.18
Drawing Teacher	733.44
Penmanship	480.00
Smith's School Tuition	6,909.00
Smith's School Transportation	936.05
Transportation	7,869.50
Books	2,638.23
Classroom Supplies	1,366.49
Janitors' Supplies	1,121.33
Janitors' Salaries	7,316.73
Fuel	2,911.11
Lights	1,396.42
Repairs	1,983.02
New Equipment	1,946.99

Cafeteria :

Labor	\$1,122.00
Food and Supplies	1,811.95
Linen	29.92
Express	10.00
Misc.	26.13
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	\$3,000.00
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	\$131,294.74

Rehabilitation Fund :

Repairs	\$18.51
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New Elementary School Construction :

Architect's Fees	\$4,776.91
Survey	20.00
Construction	121,372.67
Advertising	19.50
Equipment	30,075.85
Miscellaneous	340.50
Legal	429.00
	—————
	\$157,034.43

Haydenville Library:	
Librarian	\$81.00
Janitor	28.50
Lights	12.00
Repairs	21.30
Miscellaneous	3.31
Fuel	13.00
Books	103.80
New Equipment	124.50

	\$387.41
Haydenville Lunch Room:	
Repairs	\$41.99
Albert D. Saunders Fund:	
New Equipment	\$119.95
Collins School Fund:	
Insurance—Driver Education	\$153.40
Athletic Fund—High School	\$840.00
School Lunch—Cafeteria Income:	
Labor	\$1,586.25
Food and Supplies	1,988.26
Linen	56.32
Miscellaneous	62.95
Express	9.45

	\$3,703.23
Total of Schools and Libraries	\$293,593.66
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED	
Recreation:	
Band	\$40.00
Hallowe'en Party	15.00
Repairs	4.50
Equipment	71.45

	\$130.95

Athletic Field :	
Labor	\$198.50
Truck Hire	33.75
Repairs	2.00
Loam	10.00
Plowing	9.00
Gas	5.11
Paint	5.85
Equipment	23.25
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	\$287.46
 Town Clocks	
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	\$418.41
 Memorial Day :	
Speaker	\$10.00
Fife and Drum Corps	80.00
Flags	18.50
Markers	28.50
Baskets	13.00
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	\$150.00
 Printing Town Reports 1954	
Wood Lot	\$340.00
Census	8.40
Wild Cat Bounty	224.80
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 Total of Recreation and Unclassified	
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	\$1,256.22

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water Department:

Pipe Line Maintenance	\$3,420.54
Water Shed	58.73
Chlorinator Maintenance	271.39
Additional Water Supply	902.83
Administration	169.19
Caretaker of Chlorinator	100.00

Caretaker of Supply	150.00
Labor	53.45
Trucking	33.75
Water Entrances and Connections	229.04
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	\$5,388.92

Water Entrances and Connections	
Service:	\$36.25
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Total Water Department	\$5,425.17

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Workmen's Compensation	\$1,237.86
Taxes:	
State Parks and Reservations	\$286.80
State Audit	1,190.69
County Tax	9,521.44
Dog Tax	593.40
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	\$11,592.33

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	
Income	\$39.76
Withholding Tax	14,388.92
Employees' Retirement Deductions	941.36
Town's Share Retirement Fund	605.57
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	980.00
Collector's Costs and Fees	49.30
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	\$17,004.91

Trust Funds:

C. J. Hills Fund	\$216.00
H. M. Hills Bed Fund	25.00
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	\$241.00

Total of Agency, Trust and Investment	\$30,076.10
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INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:

Water Loan	\$116.88
Additional Water Supply	450.00
Sanatorium Extension Note	137.50
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School	3,430.00
	<hr/> <hr/> \$4,134.38

Loans:

Water Loan	\$500.00
Additional Water Supply	2,000.00
Sanatorium Extension	2,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary	
School	25,000.00
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	\$29,500.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt \$33,634.38

Refunds:

1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	\$95.57
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	805.36
1955 Real Estate	147.60
1954 Water Rent	2.00
1955 Water Rent	35.40
	\$1,085.93

CEMETERIES

Mountain St.:

Labor \$75.00

Old Village Hill:

Labor	\$30.00
Weed Control	5.40
Tree Care	35.00
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	70.40
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	\$145.40

Total Payments	\$501,289.59
Cash on hand December 31, 1955	\$113,775.42
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	\$615,065.01

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Accountant's Maintenance	\$1.85
Assessors' Maintenance	27.78
Elections and Registrations	.88
Observation Post Construction	9.99
Highways Chapter 81	.08
Highways Chapter 90 Special	.04
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	.02
Veterans' Benefits	1,536.68
Street Lights	1.68
Workmen's Compensation	37.86
Water Department	343.82
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	\$1,960.68

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1955

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$113,775.42
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953,		
Real Estate	\$52.81	\$52.81
Levy of 1954,		
Personal Property	727.96	
Real Estate	3,095.09	
Water Liens to 1954 Tax	51.50	
	—————	
		\$3,874.55
Levy of 1955,		
Polls	80.00	
Personal Property	2,750.50	
Real Estate	20,748.86	
	—————	
		\$23,579.36
Tax Titles	379.58	
Tax Possessions	192.43	
	—————	
		\$572.01
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	\$1,227.10	
Old Age Assistance	232.04	
	—————	
		\$1,459.14
Water Department:		
Rates,	\$1,475.96	
Miscellaneous	882.84	
	—————	
		\$2,358.80

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Taxes:

Levy of 1954	\$356.26
Levy of 1955	2,617.94
	—————
	\$2,974.20
State and County Aid to Highways	10,908.59
Due from Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,300.00
County Tax 1955	626.44
Highways, Storm Damage	5,267.35
	—————
	\$170,748.67
	—————

LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$1,475.65
Contributory Retirement Fund	131.47
	—————
	\$1,607.12

Dog Licenses Due County,	101.40
Tailings	54.33

Trust Fund Income:

Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	\$1,000.42
Whiting Street Worthy	
Poor Fund	681.97
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	388.50
Electa Waite Charity Fund	263.52
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	185.20
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	612.06
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	506.49
Collins School Fund	953.65
Byron Loomis School Fund	436.16
Ethel Curry School Fund	88.75
Onsglow G. Spelman Fund	264.62
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	336.95
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	212.21
	—————
	\$5,930.50

Old Age Assistance Recoveries	2,952.50
Federal Grants:	
Disability Assistance:	
Assistance	\$1,253.74
Aid to Dependent Children:	
Administration	153.14
Aid	2,959.79
Old Age Assistance:	
Administration	1,831.74
Assistance	9,343.30
	————— \$15,541.71
School Athletic Fund	589.85
School Cafeteria, Local	\$677.79
State	946.79
	————— \$1,624.58
Appropriation Balances:	
Revenue, General	\$14,092.93
Non-Revenue, New Elem. School	8,096.88
	————— \$22,189.81
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans	12.00
Road Machinery Fund	10,068.81
State and County Aid to Highways	10,908.59
Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus	8,001.54
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1953	\$52.81
Levy of 1954	1,306.28
Levy of 1955	4,823.54
	————— \$6,182.63
Revenues, Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	\$2,974.20
Tax Titles and Possessions	572.01

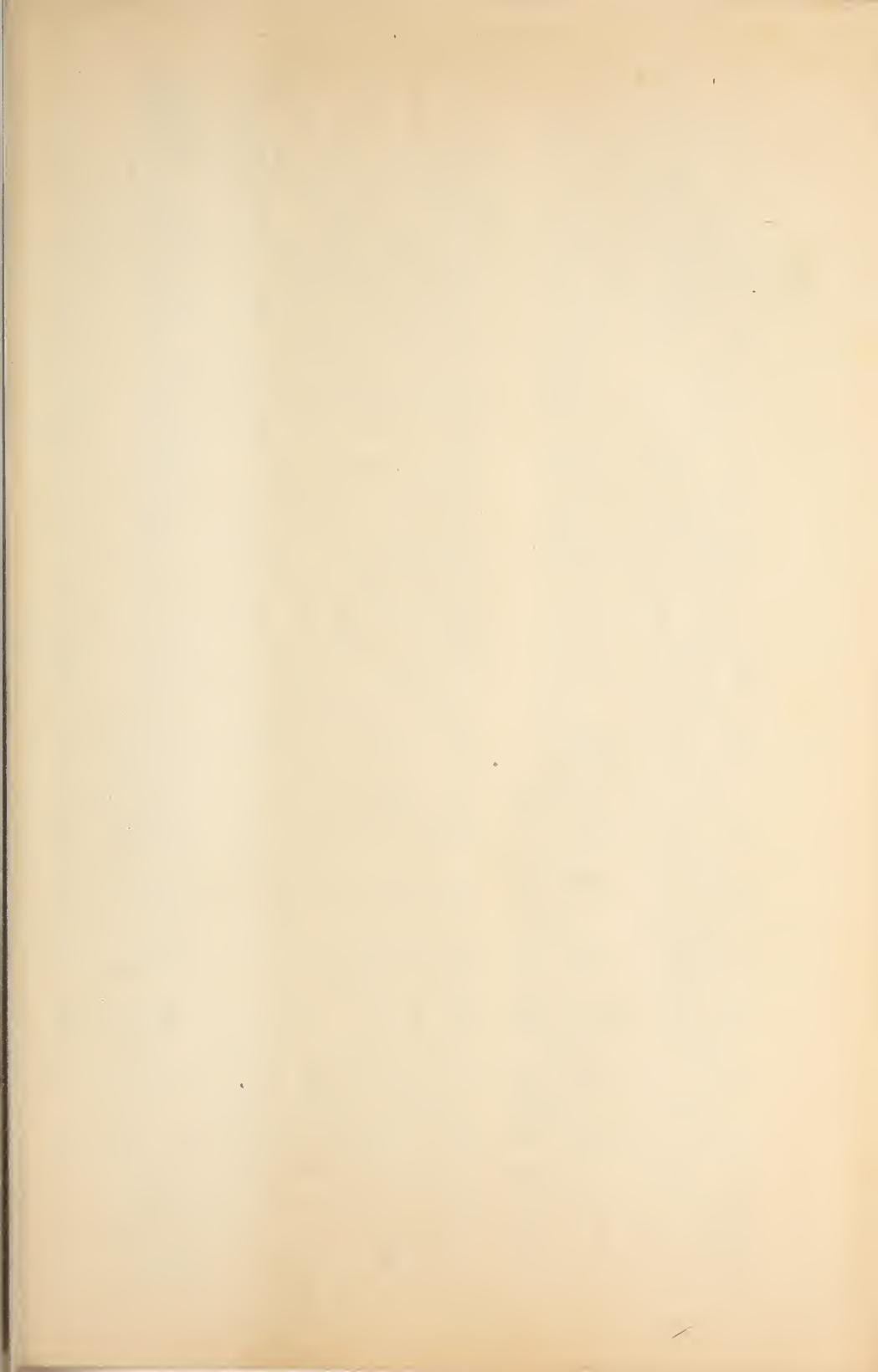
Departmental	1,459.14
Water	2,410.30
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	\$7,415.65

Water Department, Entrances and Connections	60.00
Excess, Sale of Lands of Low Value	226.49
State Park Tax	39.24
Water Available Surplus	8,041.85
Surplus Revenue	69,200.07
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	\$170,748.67
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Assessors' Report

The method for computing the tax rate for the year 1955 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	\$226,585.42
Taken from available funds	
in 1955	74,891.67
State Parks and Reservations	326.04
State Audit	1,190.69
County Tax	8,895.00
Overlay of Current Year	10,548.84
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/> \$322,437.66
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:	
Income Tax	\$28,133.19
Corporation Taxes	6,360.47
Reimbursement of Publicly	
Owned Land	108.91
Old Age Tax	686.26
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	14,600.00
Licenses	4,500.00
Fines	25.00
Protection of Persons and	
Property	75.00
Health and Sanitation	1,000.00
Charities	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00
Veterans' Services	300.00
Schools	12,400.00
Public Service Enterprises	5,045.10
Interest: on Taxes and	
Assessments	600.00
Total Estimated Receipts	<hr/> \$91,833.93



Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to 1956 Water Available
Surplus, the sum of \$19,27.50, said sum representing payment by check dated
1/25/55 from the Hampshire County Sanatorium, on the Hampshire County Sanatorium
Water Extension, but not received until 1956, or take any other action thereon.

Article 37. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 332 of
the Acts of 1955 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts entitled, An Act to
Authorize the Levy of Special Assessments to Meet the Cost of Laying Water
Pipes In Public and Private Ways.

Article 38. To see if the Town will provide for the levy of special assessments
to meet the whole or part of the cost hereafter incurred of laying
pipes in public and private ways for the conveyance or distribution of water
to its inhabitants and will provide that an owner of land which received
benefit from the laying of water pipes in public and private ways upon which
his land abuts or which by more remote means receives benefit through the
supply of water to his land or buildings shall pay a proportionate part of
the cost not already assessed of extending such water supply to his land, all
as is authorized by said Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1955 of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts.

Article 39. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the Water Commissioners
to carry out the provisions of said Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1955
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate from the Water Commis-
sioners to the Department certain funds on June 21, 1955, and from water rates and

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Board of Assessors to use from available funds, the sum of \$10,000.00 to reduce taxation.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 to provide heat and light for the Observation Post, or take any other action thereon.



Overestimates of Previous Year to be used
as Available Funds:

County Tax	\$654.97
State Parks and Reservations	1.45
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	70.58
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	<u>\$85,618.67</u>

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$177,452.60
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on
Polls and Property:

Polls, 534 @ \$2.00	\$1,068.00
Total Value Personal Property \$213,429 @ \$72.00 per M	15,366.89
Total Value Real Estate \$1,785,419.00 @ \$72.00	<u>128,550.17</u>
Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$144,985.06

Total Amount of 1955 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to Collector	\$144,985.06
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Respectfully submitted,

VERNON P. WEST

JOSEPH M. DYMERSKI

EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE, Ch.

Report of Water Commissioners

This year, this board operated with two entirely new members and one who had seen service in the past.

Regular meetings were held every Wednesday during the year with the exception of two, and in addition, 16 special meetings were held either to contact customers or for special duties. We welcome any citizen to the regular meetings to discuss any problem pertaining to the Water Department.

Our objective, in addition to the routine work of past years, was to formulate and put into practice policies which should result in a more businesslike operation of the department and ultimately place the department in a position which would guarantee its self-support. As a step in this direction, after a survey of rates charged in the surrounding towns and an analysis of the increased maintenance costs of recent years, all water rates were increased and the new rate put into effect at mid-year.

As most of you know, our water system is 50-odd years old and each year some money must be allocated to repair and replacement. At the present time, several of the hydrants should be repaired if possible or replaced with new.

In order to insure the collection of all rightful revenue due this department, it was voted to establish a deposit policy for all new work before the actual work was started.

We were able to allocate sufficient funds for the purchase of 22 meters this year. The majority have

already been installed and additional requests are on file and will be filled as soon as funds are available. In addition, 3 old meters were repaired and restored to service.

The department has started a master plan of the entire system which will show the exact location of all hydrants and main gate valves. At the present time the records of some sections of the system are inadequate or obsolete.

A schedule has been set up for the flushing of hydrants and this will be done not less than four times per year.

During the latter part of August, we experienced very heavy rainfall. As a result of this rain, a small earth slide occurred on the face of the Unquemonk dam. In addition, the access road to the dam was completely washed out. After meeting with the engineering representatives from the County Commissioners' Office, immediate steps were taken to repair this damage.

After several requests, the Flood Relief Board advised us to contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. After meeting with 13 different representatives of the Corps we were granted the repair of the road, the dam and the removal of 5000 cubic yards of silt and debris from the reservoir. We were later able to increase this yardage to 8000. All of this work was completed by the Donovan Brothers of Worthington at a cost to the Federal Government of \$18,000.00.

The end result of this work which has been accomplished at no cost to the citizens of Williamsburg and Haydenville, has been an additional storage capacity of 1,600,000 gallons of water which is an approximate 15% increase. In addition, the reservoir is nearly as clean as when originally built.

While this work was in progress, the Board decided that due to the clear evidence shown during the heavy

August rains, the spillway was not large enough to accommodate such unprecedeted rainfall and steps should be taken to enlarge the throat of the spillway. This decision was supported by three engineers who all strongly advised that the work be done. Naturally, as this was an improvement and not a result of the rain, the Federal Government would not allow any funds for this work.

The department hired a contractor to enlarge the spillway by blasting sections of ledge and this work has doubled the capacity and provided a faster release of water when necessary.

The additional water supply at the pumping station has been, as in past years, a definite asset. The electric pump was used on fourteen different occasions, during the heavy spring run-off, the very dry months and while the cleaning operation was in progress at the upper reservoir. A total of 27,000,000 gallons of water pumped was recorded for the year.

The collection of water rents and departmental paper work has been very capably handled by the Town Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. DAMON, JR.

BERTRAM W. CLARKE

HOWARD R. SANDERSON

**REPORT OF AN AUDIT
OF
THE ACCOUNTS OF
THE WATER COLLECTOR**

The Town of Williamsburg

**For the Period from
March 28, 1954 to March 1, 1955**

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of
Chapter 44, General Laws

Water Department

Water Rates — Accounts Receivable

Ralph R. Mason, Water Collector

Outstanding March 28, 1954	\$2,021.23
Commitments March 28 to	
December 31, 1954	4,298.89
	—————
	\$6,320.12

Payments to treasurer	
March 28 to December 31, 1954	\$4,224.96
Discounts and abatements	
March 28 to December 31, 1954	327.61
Water liens added to taxes 1954	
March 28 to December 31, 1954	480.25
Outstanding December 31, 1954	1,287.30
	—————
	\$6,320.12
	—————

Outstanding January 1, 1955	\$1,287.30
Commitments January 1 to	
March 1, 1955	4,704.41
Water liens added to taxes 1954, erroneously	11.00
Payments in advance of commitment	
January 1 to March 1, 1955	11.25
	—————
	\$6,013.96

Payments to treasurer	
January 1 to March 1, 1955	\$3,225.11
Discounts and abatements	
January 1 to March 1, 1955	319.61

Outstanding March 1, 1955, per list, recommitted to Ruth T. Mongeau, water collector	2,469.24
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	\$6,013.96
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Water Miscellaneous — Accounts Receivable

Outstanding March 28, 1954	\$409.37
Commitments March 28 to December 31, 1954	79.80
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	\$489.17
Payments to treasurer	
March 28 to December 31, 1954	\$179.74
Outstanding December 31, 1954	309.43
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	\$489.17
Outstanding January 1, 1955	\$309.43
Commitments January 1 to March 1, 1955	3.00
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	\$312.43
Outstanding March 1, 1955, per list, recommitted to Ruth T. Mongeau, water collector	\$312.43
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Report of Tree Warden

Labor, chainsaw & trucks	
cutting and disposal of trees	\$291.64
Harry W. Warner, Jr., labor	49.50
Paul Waite, tree climber	59.00
Robert S. Loomis, labor	2.25
Herbert Kellogg, tractor & truck	60.75
Charles Kellogg, labor	4.50
Henry Warner, labor	8.25
James Childs, labor	16.50
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	\$492.39
Number of trees cut	5
Number of trees cabled	1
Storm damage limbs removed	

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Labor, chainsaw & trucks	
cutting and disposal of trees	\$195.54
Harry W. Warner, Jr. labor	48.00
Paul Waite, tree climber	92.00
Robert S. Loomis, labor	32.25
Herbert Kellogg, tractor & truck	72.60
John B. Vollinger, rental of 2-man chainsaw	21.00
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	\$461.39

Number of trees cut 5

Samples were obtained from 7 elm trees suspected of being diseased. These were taken to the University of Massachusetts for testing, and five were found to be diseased. These five trees were removed. At least two elms and 1 maple should be removed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY,

Tree Warden

Library Report

Mrs. John Winne served as librarian during 1955 but resigned at the end of the year.

We have had the services of the Bookmobile again this year and have had a good number and variety of books. Consequently, we have not had to buy so many books and have been able to purchase a much needed new desk for the use of the librarian and keep under our appropriation.

Books added in 1955	62
Books on hand	3227
Circulation	4900
Fines	\$7.73

Many of the children's books and some of the adult fiction are in very bad condition and will be discarded early in 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

LULA SMITH

LORA PHINNEY

MAUDE E. SANDERSON

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the period of January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955:

A Well Child Clinic was held in each Village school with a total of 113 children being examined.

Anti-Polio shots were administered to children of each Village whose parents requested them; there being a total of 120 children who were administered the first injection.

A total of 120 children in Grades 1 and 2 were given Polio Vaccine with the permission of the parents. The second injections were held up pending the State Department of Health's decision which hasn't been clarified, as they may include the children up through the 14-age group if funds are made available..

The Eating and Drinking Establishments in Town have been inspected by the Board.

The Board has maintained a careful inspection of animals and slaughters with the good work of our inspectors.

The Town Dump is still a problem as we have had too many outside residents making use of it without our permission. We may have the solution to that now as we have had a gate erected and keep it locked during the week, opening it only on Saturday and part of Sunday under the supervision of a caretaker. Any resident wishing to use it at any other time may do so by obtaining a key from any member of the Board.

Pertaining to the Monthly Rubbish Collection, we ask the cooperation of the Townspeople in that rubbish be put in containers that one man can handle and should not include whole pieces of furniture or home furnishings.

The Board operates the Garbage Collection under the State Health Laws and requests the residents not to include paper, cans, corn husks and shell sea food which cannot be cooked in their garbage.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD A. REARDON,

Chairman of the Board

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and holidays.

Sixteen accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Nine persons received injuries (none fatal).

Two were taken to the hospital by the Police.

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Two licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of Chief.

Four patients taken to the State Hospital by the Police.

Four stray dogs taken to S. P. C. A. Shelter.

Five dogs hit by autos (two were killed), (two destroyed), (one taken to a veterinary).

Four persons complained that they were bitten by dogs.

Thirty-seven summonses served for outside departments.

Twenty-eight complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	4
Vagrancy	1
Speeding	4
Failing to stop for flashing red light	1
Operating without license	1

Operating under influence	1
Driving so as to endanger	1
Leaving scene after doing property damage	2
Operating car, no insurance	1
Operating car, no registration	1
Failing to have windshield stickers	5
Trespassing	1
Disturbing the peace	1
Larceny	3
Assault and Battery	1
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Twenty-four persons pleaded or were found guilty.

Four persons found not guilty—twenty-six males,
1 female.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS,

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

During the year of 1955, this department has operated with two companies. No. 1 in Williamsburg and No. 2 in Haydenville.

Patrick Larkin of Haydenville was appointed Assistant Chief and Lester Wells of Williamsburg as Captain.

There were 31 alarms answered as follows.

- 7 House Fires
- 6 Chimney Fires
- 3 Haydenville Dump Fires
- 3 Vehicle Fires
- 1 Gasoline Engine Fire
- 11 Grass and Brush Fires

Captain Ackerman from the Greenfield Fire Department held an 8 week training course for the men in Company 1 this last summer. This course gave the men some excellent training in modern fire fighting. The same training was to be given to the men of Company 2 but due to cold weather, it was decided to wait until spring of 1956.

312 open air fire permits were issued, 50 bottled gas and 68 oil burner inspections were made.

A new set of controls for the siren in Williamsburg was installed to make the alarm easier to operate.

300 feet of 1½" fire hose along with numerous small pieces of equipment were added to the department.

All our equipment was tested by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association this year, the results as follows:

1. Engine 1 and 2 both pumped over 500 gallons of water per minute at 120 lbs, head pressure per square inch. This is the requirement for the equipment. Consideration should be given to replacing Engine 1 in Williamsburg with a new triple combination pumping engine having a capacity of at least 750 gallons per minute.
2. A new fire station be constructed to replace the present Haydenville station. This building should be of a modern design, constructed of fire resistive materials and be of a sufficient size to provide safe and adequate housing for the apparatus, provisions for the storage and care of hose and equipment, adequate facilities should be provided also for fire department meetings.
3. A complete spare shift of hose for each pumper should be provided at the fire stations. This consists of 1000 feet of 2½" double jacket, rubber lined hose.

During the flood of last August, 36 cellars were pumped out. This pumping involved 136 man hours which were given as a service by this department, under emergency conditions, to save property from damage there was no cost to the individual concerned. We do not normally do this.

It is strongly recommended an addition be added to the station in Williamsburg to house the tanker that is so badly needed by our out districts and for forest fires.

I wish to thank the Selectmen for their advice and help during the past year, also the excellent cooperation and willingness of the men in the fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON,
Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen
Town of Williamsburg

The Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Mabel Shumway, reported that a total of 550 calls were made during the year 1955.

The Annual Well Child Clinic was held in June with Dr. Fredrica Smith attending Pediatrician. A total of one hundred and thirteen children were examined, forty-four in Haydenville, and sixty-nine in Williamsburg.

Following is the financial statement for the year:

Receipts for 1955:

Nurse's collections	\$550.00
Donation for use of hospital bed	10.00
Rent of card tables	4.00
Total receipts	\$564.00

Expenditures:

Gas for nurse's car	\$212.00
Old Age Tax paid for nurse	14.00
Supplies for nurse's use	1.02
Spray for funeral of Asso. director	5.00
Nurse's salary	\$1,300.00
less taxes withheld	150.20
	1,149.80
Taxes for'd to Gov.	140.50
	1,290.30

Less Town appro.	1,200.00	90.30	322.32
Excess of receipts over expenditures			\$241.68

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN J. DRAKE,

President

Report of Arbitration Committee on Carl King Property Damage Claim

Selectmen of the Town of Williamsburg,
Williamsburg,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen :

In accordance with the appointment of the Moderator at the Town Meeting in February, 1955, the undersigned met at the premises of Carl T. King and Cora King, on Mountain Street, in Haydenville, at ten o'clock A.M. on Saturday, December 17, 1955, examined the premises, ascertained the portion taken by the Town for highway purposes in the year 1953, and conferred relative to a fair appraisal of that damage.

It was determined that the taking had consisted of a plot extending the whole length of the land owned by the said Kings, approximately twelve hundred (1200) feet in length, and with varying depths from zero to twenty (20) feet. Examination disclosed that a substantial portion of the front lawn of the house on the premises had been taken; that the taking included all of the land on which a hedgerow or windbreak stood, and a substantial section of a gravel bank.

The figures of each of the appraisers were of considerable variance, but after considerable discussion, a compromise and modification, basing the basic elements of damage on (1) damage to the lawn; (2) loss of wind-

break, which was beneficial because the land behind it has been utilized for many years for the raising of tobacco; (3) loss of gravel bank; (4) loss of the land itself; and (5) the taking of several substantial trees, was reached and that a fair figure to compensate the owners of the property would be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.).

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS BLACK,

Appraiser, representing the
Town of Williamsburg.

EDWIN P. DUNPHY,

Appraiser, representing the
owners, Carl T. King and
Cora King.

LAURENCE D. RHOADES,

Independent Appraiser,
selected by the other two ap-
praisers.

Report of Committee on Old Cemetery

Board of Selectmen
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

This is to report to you what has been done in regard to the Town cemetery this year.

Through the splendid cooperation of Howard Sanderson, we have managed to get the weeds and brush cut once. Some of the larger bushes were cut a second time; all leaning stones on the North and East sides have been straightened; the entire area was burned in the spring to be rid of the worst of the standing refuse; poison ivy was sprayed, the total cost being less than \$40.

It was noted that a large maple had dropped dead branches breaking some stones and with many other dead branches ready to fall at any time, very possibly on some person at the Town's liability. Through the cooperation of the Tree Warden, we obtained a tree climber who trimmed the tree and removed the refuse for the sum of \$85., making the total cost to the town less than \$75. this year.

There is much more work to be done and it is recommended that:

1. A power mower be purchased so that the cemetery could be mowed at least 10 times a year, thereby aiding nature to establish a smooth surfaced lawn. Mr. Sanderson has located a mower we believe to be suitable for this purpose.

2. The remaining stones should be righted. Some would require a small power hoist.

3. All new ivy sprouts should be dealt with at once to ensure permanent eradication.

4. Trees cut in 1948 have again sprouted up, some along the edge have grown up to 4 inches in diameter and are crowding stones.

5. I suggest that the selectmen request the voters to appropriate \$200 for care and maintenance of the cemetery and the sum of \$150 for the purchase of a sickle, tractor mower with extra power attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. HEMENWAY

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Town of Williamsburg

**FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955**

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth Sherk, Chairman, Tel. 295	1956
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Secretary, Tel. 260	1956
Norman F. Graves, Tel. 248	1958
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Tel. 227	1957
Stanley Soltys, Tel. 4253	1956

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Lucius A. Merritt	Tel. 299
Office, Anne T. Dunphy School	Tel. 770

SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

J. Walter Richard, Amherst	Tel. 770
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SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mary B. Hitchcock, Worthington	Tel. 2551
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SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Rinehart System directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Koss

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Olive A. Healy, West Chesterfield	Tel. 2355
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SPECIAL READING TEACHER

Jean Snow, Williamsburg	Tel. 4322
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SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg	Tel. 260
Dr. Ruth Hemenway, Williamsburg	Tel. 3241

Miss Martha Dickerman : Social Studies, Jr. High Science 106 Main St., Spencer, Mass.	8391
Henry Hmielecki : Jr. High Arith., Boys' Physical Education Williamsburg	784
Mrs. Joanne Wolff : Social Studies, World History, Girls' Phys. Ed. Amherst Rd., Sunderland, Mass.	

ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL

Tel. 770

Principal, Edith D. Foster, Grade 6 Williamsburg	4211
Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, Grade 5 Williamsburg	525
Mrs. Eleanor Soden, Grade 4 16 Massasoit St., Northampton	5160-M
Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn, Grade 3 Williamsburg	3891
Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, Grade 2 Haydenville	522
Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton, Grade 1 Williamsburg	537

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

Tel. 4912

Principal, Margaret Trainor : Grade 6 Haydenville	4732
Mrs. Marion Hickey, Grade 5 Haydenville	4301
Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, Grade 4 Haydenville	4733

Mrs. Ruth Nash, Grade 3 Williamsburg	3344
Mrs. Doris Tilley, Grade 2 Williamsburg	4485
Miss Mary Crampton, Grade 1 Haydenville	3221

SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1955

	16 Yrs. or			
	5-7	7-16	over	
Williamsburg				
Boys	33	118	14	
Girls	19	99	16	
	—	—	—	
Total	52	217	30	299
Haydenville				
Boys	22	85	12	
Girls	21	88	4	
	—	—	—	
Total	43	173	16	232
Combined Total	95	390	46	531

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956-1957

Tuesday, September 4, 1956	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 5, 1956	Schools Open
Friday, October 5, 1956	Schools Closed—Franklin County Teachers' Convention
Friday, October 12, 1956	Schools Closed—Columbus Day
Monday, November 12, 1956	Schools Closed—Veterans' Day
Wednesday, November 21, 1956	Schools Close at regular time for Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 26, 1956	Schools Open
Friday, December 21, 1956	Schools Close at regular time for Christmas Holiday
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Wednesday, January 2, 1957	Schools Open
Friday, February 15, 1957	Schools Close at regular time for Winter Vacation
Monday, February 25, 1957	Schools Open
Friday, April 12, 1957	Schools Close at regular time for Spring Vacation
Monday, April 22, 1957	Schools Open
Thursday, May 30, 1957	Schools Closed—Memorial Day
Friday, June 7, 1957	Elementary Schools Close for Summer Vacation
Thursday, June 20, 1957	High School Graduation
Friday, June 21, 1957	High School Closes
	Elementary School 175 days
	High School 185 days

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Year 1955

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources	\$131,322.25
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Income on Account of Schools:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. General School Fund | \$24,866.40 |
| 2. Transportation Reimbursement | |
| Chapter 679 | 5,914.50 |

3.	Smith's School Reimbursement	2,777.97
4.	High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen, Westhampton	5,332.60
5.	Superintendent's Reimbursement	1,368.66
6.	State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	1,122.00
7.	Cash Sent to Treasurer	171.65
Total Income		41,553.78
Net Expenditures from Local Taxation		\$89,768.47

Report of School Committee

To the Townspeople of Williamsburg.

Greetings:

The committee, made up of Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Stanley Soltys, Norman Graves and Kenneth Sherk chose Kenneth Sherk as chairman and Mrs. Ballway as secretary.

The group held more than the usual number of meetings to discuss and make decisions in regard to the operation of the school system. The expansion of the system afforded by the acquisition of the Anne T. Dunphy School presented many new problems.

The upper six grades were combined to form a Junior-Senior High School, grades 7 and 8 representing the junior part. These grades were divided to obtain groups as uniform as possible and all groups are being prepared to enter senior high school in the course of their choice, college preparatory, commercial, or general. The program is departmentalized, using different teachers for different subjects. This program allows us to use the abilities and interests of our teachers to the greatest benefit of the students. A closer correlation of subject matter within the system should lead to improved student progress. We are indebted to Miss Dunphy and the High School staff as well as to the Principals of the Elementary Schools for much sound advice and many valuable suggestions concerning the program of studies.

A limited physical education program has been incorporated into the Junior-Senior High School system.

Each student in grades 7 through 12 has one eighty minute period each week in gymnasium for supervised physical education.

The new cafeteria began operations and serves lunches in three shifts for the Williamsburg groups. Hot lunches are also prepared and transported to the students at the Haydenville School.

The scheduling of classes, gym periods, lunch periods and study periods presented serious difficulties. The present schedule is the product of much time and thought contributed by many persons. It is the best that could be done with the staff and facilities at hand. It is far from ideal. We hope to be able to improve this situation next year.

The partition between the two classrooms in the basement of the Helen E. James School has been removed and the combined space converted to a study hall and library. Thus, no student will spend his school day in the basement. Such study materials that we have are readily available to the students in this large room which is equipped with study tables and chairs.

There have been a gratifying number of students from the surrounding towns attending the Junior-Senior High School. They help to broaden the social and the scholastic aspects of the school. In addition, the town receives a significant remuneration from their tuition.

The Committee feels that the school facilities should be used as much as possible for the benefit of the community. Thus, the gymnasium has been used by local groups nearly every evening. The cafeteria has been used for a variety of meetings. The conference room is used by the Town Secretary during the day and for meetings of several of the town committees in the evening.

Our relations with the Superintendent, staff, and parents have been satisfying. We thank them all for their patience and support.

KENNETH SHERK

Chairman

January 17, 1956

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools. It is the thirty-fifth since the beginning of the present series and the fifty-fourth since the formation of the original school union. This is also the third report since Union #56 was formed.

The dedication and the opening of the new Anne T. Dunphy School at Williamsburg was the outstanding event for our schools during the year. This modern building has six attractive classrooms, a spacious gymnasium, a most pleasant cafeteria and kitchen, efficient offices, and many other up-to-date facilities. It is a beautiful building which provides badly needed space for our expanding educational program. The new gym is in almost constant use by the schools as well as by many local groups. Meetings are also held in other parts of the building. It is truly becoming a most important center for the whole community. The building committee deserves our deepest appreciation for the time and thought which they gave in getting this splendid building completed. The life and activities of our townspeople will be greatly influenced by it.

Another important step for the school union as a whole was taken when it was decided by that committee to employ a supervisor of elementary instruction. After a study of the work required by the superintendent, it was found that Union #56 would have 57 teachers on its staff, 6 janitors, 14 cafeteria workers, 3 secretaries, and 18 bus operators. In addition there were nurses, doctors, dentists, truant officers, and others who serve

the schools on a part time basis. A total of 111 persons were employed in the district. It was also necessary to attend 70 - 80 school committee meetings during the year. Appropriations amounting to nearly a third of a million dollars were used in carrying on the school work of the towns in this group. Because of the above facts, and on the recommendation of the superintendent, it was deemed wise to add an elementary supervisor to the staff. *

Mr. J. Walter Richard was secured for the work as supervisor of elementary education which in this case includes grades 1 through 8. Mr. Richard is a graduate of Fitchburg Teachers' College and will receive his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts during this summer. He has had six years of experience as an elementary principal in the schools of Amherst and has taught one year at the Air Force base in Tripoli, North Africa. We were, indeed, fortunate to get such an able and well trained young man for this important position.

The change to the 6-6 plan of organization was made when schools opened in September. One Junior-Senior high school was prepared for grades 7 through 12. Two elementary schools, having grades 1 - 6 in each, were also established. One is at Haydenville and one at Williamsburg. The Junior-Senior high school has 203 pupils. Westhampton now sends 16 to our Junior High School.

Only one change in teachers occurred at the close of schools in June. Mrs. Richard B. Warren decided not to teach this year. She had served as our art instructor.

The Williamsburg Junior-Senior High School was organized for the September opening with the following instructors: Principal Anne T. Dunphy, two classes in Latin, one in civics and local history, and guidance; Robert Branch, four classes in mathematics, one in U. S.

History, also audio-visual education; Peter P. Ball, five classes in science; Mrs. Lula Smith, five classes in English, assembly programs; Mrs. Francis Grinnell, three classes in typing, one in office practice, shorthand, book-keeping and junior business, also school publications; Earl Tonet, two classes in French, one in Problems in Democracy, one in World Geography, coach of boys' athletics, and driver education; Miss Maria Lovechio, five classes in English, and debating. Miss Lovechio taught in the Williamsburg Schools from 1949 to 1951 when she left to get her master's degree. She received her B.A. degree in English from American International College and master's degree from Boston University.

Miss Martha Dickerman, who has been teaching eighth grade in the Helen E. James School, was assigned to teach two classes of eighth grade social studies and two classes of eighth grade science and music and art in her home room. Mrs. Joanne Wolff of Amherst was assigned to teach two classes of seventh grade social studies, one class of eighth grade reading and oral English, one class of high school world history, supervise girls' physical education for the Junior-Senior High School, and art and music in her home room. Mrs. Wolff received her A.B. from Tufts College with a major in history and a minor in education. She taught social studies for one year in the Greenfield Junior High School. Mr. Henry Hmielecki was assigned to teach four classes in junior high arithmetic, supervise the boys' physical education in the Junior-Senior High School, and teach art and music in his home room. Mr. Hmielecki has a B.A. from the University of Mass. and an M.S. from Springfield College.

Miss Dorothy Wickman of Springfield was assigned to teach one class of junior high English, three classes in junior high reading and oral English, and teach music and art in her home room. Miss Wickman received her B.A. from American International College. She had one

year of previous teaching experience. Miss Wickman resigned on Oct. 14. Mrs. Evelyn Kmit worked as a substitute in this grade until November 23. On November 28, Mrs. Anna B. Curtis was appointed to this position. Mrs. Curtis received her training at North Adams Teachers' College and has had 11 years' teaching experience.

The senior high school provides three courses of study. There is a college course, a general course, and a commercial course. A special plan for driver education for those who may plan to get a driving license during the year is also offered. We are again indebted to Richard Graves for supplying a car for the training on the road. For extra-curricular activities, students may take part in girls' and boys' athletics, glee club, orchestra, school plays, debates, and the preparing of school publications. The junior high offers the usual seventh and eighth grade work. The school is in session from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and there are eight periods a day.

Our coaches and players have found the new gym a delightful place in which to practice and play games. This year's teams have shown fine skill and ability when they have played against other teams. The classes in physical education now have proper suits for the course and look well when doing the work required.

The Anne T. Dunphy School was opened with six classrooms in operation. Mrs. Edith Foster is the principal and teaches grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, grade 5; Mrs. Eleanor Soden, grade 4; Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, grade 3; Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, grade 2; and Mrs. Sophie Eaton, grade 1.

At the Haydenville School, the first six grades were cared for as follows: Miss Margaret Trainor as principal and teaches grade 6; Mrs. Marion Hickey, grade 5; Mrs. Pricilla Kostek, grade 4; Mrs. Ruth Nash, grade 3;

Mrs. Doris Tilley, grade 2; and Miss Mary Crampton, grade 1.

In addition to the above teachers, our special subject supervisors were Miss Olive Healy, music; Mrs. Mary Hitchcock, art; and Mrs. Elizabeth Koss, penmanship. A corrective reading teacher, Mrs. Jean Snow, was added to the staff during the fall. Mrs. Snow received her A.B. degree at Smith College and her M.S. degree at Columbia Teachers' College. She has had eight years teaching English in New York City high schools.

These teachers who train and educate our children are well prepared for their work. Reading tests given in the fall by Dr. Deming Hoyt of Smith College and his group showed that our pupils were above the national average in reading ability. His comment was that we have had very good teaching in our schools. The good work of these teachers is sincerely appreciated.

The health department has been under the direction of Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Ruth Hemenway as school physicians, Dr. Glade Hall as school dentist, and Mrs. Barbara Swanda as school nurse. The usual clinics have been held and the necessary examinations completed. The health of our children has been well protected.

Since the new school was opened, we have three custodians to care for and protect the three school buildings now in operation. Maintenance of school buildings is a never ending task. The faithful work and supervision of these buildings is deeply appreciated.

Five bus routes have transported 199 children to and from school each day. These routes cover 101.2 miles each school day. The work has been done without accident or injury. The operators are commended for another successful year.

The new office of the superintendent of schools is greatly appreciated by your superintendent. It is quiet and efficient as well as being attractive. Our secretary, Mrs. Jeanette O'Neill, is a most excellent one, and her fine work is of great value to this department.

There will be some problems for the department to solve during this coming year. For instance, the shortage of well trained teachers still continues. A new law requires the establishment of a special class if five or more retarded children are living in town. We are also expected by law to employ an adjustment counselor to study maladjusted children and try to correct their difficulties. On the list is also the repair and renovation of the Helen E. James Building. This building has been in constant use for 41 years. It needs some repairs and changes in order to make it more suitable for the high school students who attend it. All of these problems will have to be considered during 1956.

Building good citizenship may be considered the chief objective of the schools. Young people need to have knowledge and understanding if they are to manage and control the government under which they live. To this end, our forefathers established schools and passed laws requiring all pupils to attend. Progress far beyond their dearest hopes has come to this great country because of its program for free education for all.

Miss Nelle Dolan retired from teaching at the close of schools in June. She had taught the boys and girls of Williamsburg for 47 years and was one of the best teachers the schools have ever had. She had an understanding of children and great ability to instruct them. Some of the best teaching I have ever seen has been in her classes. No better tribute can be given to her than the old but ever new, "Well done thou good and faithful servant". We wish her many happy years in her retirement.

To principals, teachers, janitors and all others who have cooperated in our work, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation.

The Members of the School Committee have been very helpful and I thank them for their continued guidance, kindness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. MERRITT

Superintendent of Schools

1-19-56

Report of School Nurse

Mr. L. A. Merritt
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

The annual report of the School Nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1955 - December 31, 1955.

All children were weighed and measured during the year. This year the P.T.A. took over the weighing of pupils in Williamsburg.

Dr. Hobbs was assisted with physical examinations in Williamsburg. Dr. Ruth Hemenway was assisted with physicals in Haydenville. Two children were found to have defects and are to go to the orthopedic clinic in Springfield.

All pupils in Williamsburg and Haydenville were tested with the vision machine. Some were found to need glasses and have obtained them. All children were tested with the audiometer. Several failed the test and were retested at a later date. Only one child failed the final test and he is being treated by his own physician.

Several children were ill with the measles and a great many were out with the common cold.

Dr. Glade Hall, the school dentist, examined all pupils including the high school at the teachers' request. Only one high school pupil had work done. 81 treatments were done on 33 children in Williamsburg. 141 treatments were done on 41 children in Haydenville.

Many home visits were made during the year and most parents were quite cooperative.

Sanitary inspection was done once during each month and found to be in good condition.

Several children were injured during the school hours and were taken to the doctor for treatment.

Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C. has visited me several times to help me with various cases in both Williamsburg and Haydenville. Her advice is most helpful.

Three girls and three boys were sent to Camp Hodgkins and all showed improvement in weight.

At each school visit a conference was held with the principals. The daily attendance book is a great help in checking pupils who are absent.

Dr. Hobbs gave the first Salk vaccine polio shots to 50 first and second grade pupils in Williamsburg and 28 first and second grade pupils in Haydenville.

Classroom inspection has been done and several children have been given slips because of dirty heads.

The Anne T. Dunphy school cafeteria has been quite successful. However, some children were found to be throwing away their milk. After inspection, the children improved a great deal. Parents should impress upon their children to eat and drink all their food at noon.

Miss Sullivan, State Nursing Supervisor, has visited me at school. Her suggestions and information are most helpful.

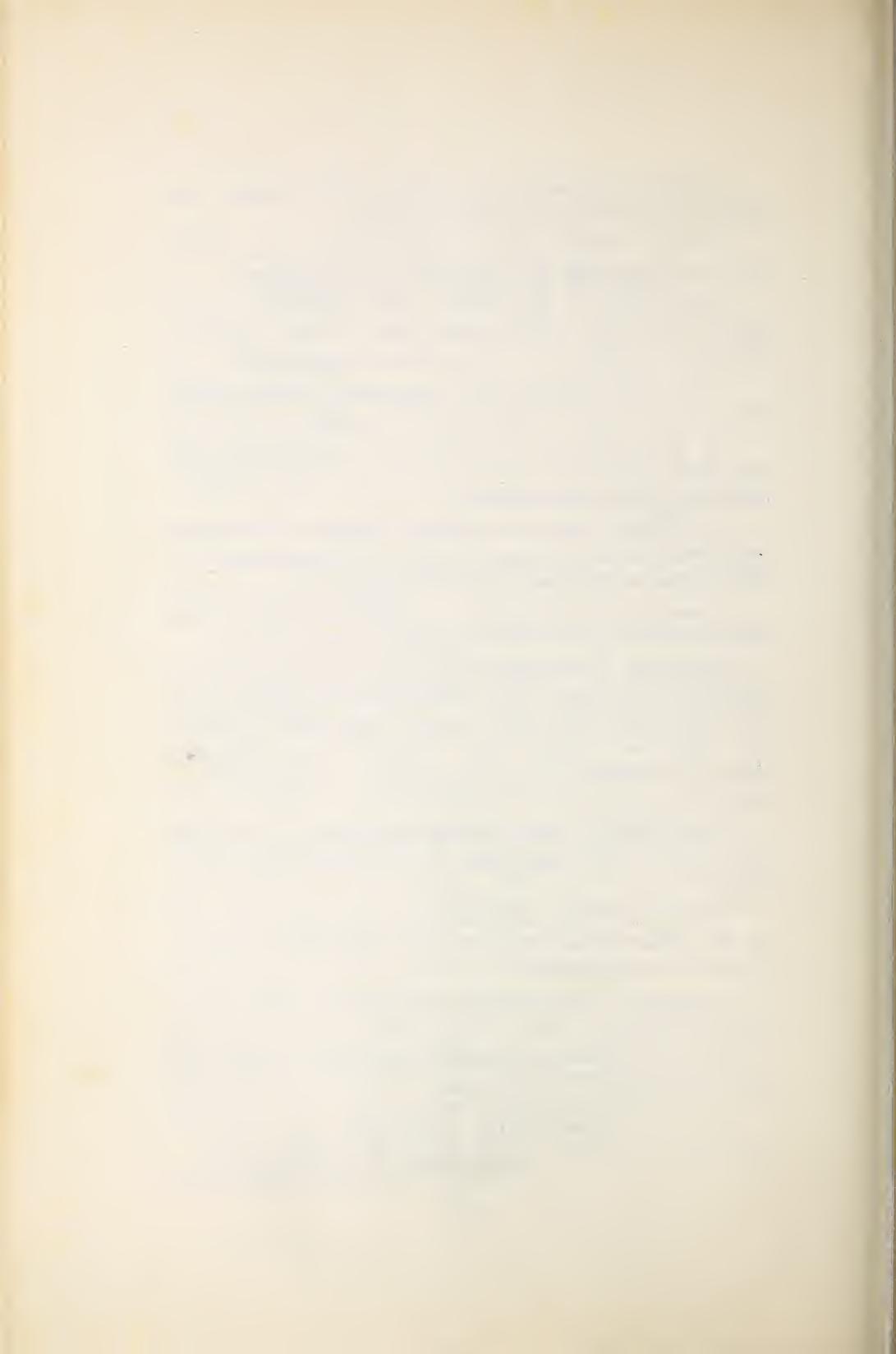
The need for an audiometer is very great. As yet for the 1956 school year, the audiometer has not been available from the State.

Several of the cafeteria workers were treated for cuts and burns.

I wish to thank the teachers and Miss Harris for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA, R.N.







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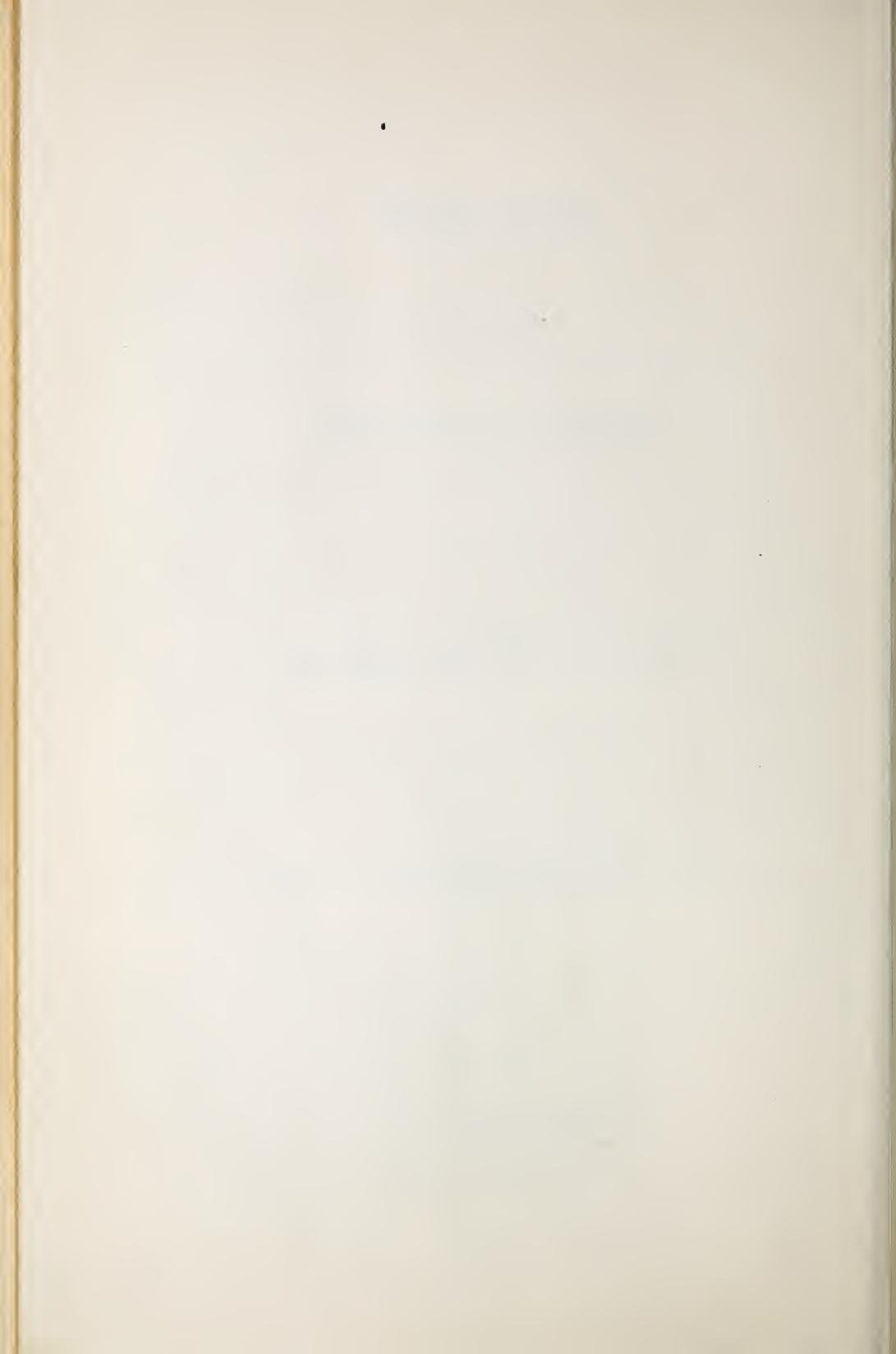
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In honored memory of Miss Anne T. Dunphy, late principal of Williamsburg High School, counselor and guide, a true and loyal friend, we pay tribute to Miss Dunphy who encouraged many steps which resulted in the progress of the Williamsburg High School to first rank in education and ideals. She will ever hold a place in the heart of every citizen of the town of Williamsburg.





Lucius A. Merritt entered our school system as superintendent July 1, 1922. His congenial manner and love for children contributed to a pleasing career in our schools. His untimely departure was a great shock to all who knew and worked with him, but the achievement of the projects he worked for stands as a fitting memorial.

Town Officers

as of Dec. 31, 1956

	Term Expires
Selectmen:	
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Chairman	1958
Frank P. Paul	1957
Carl M. Hemenway, Clerk	1959
Town Clerk:	
Charles W. Wells	1957
Town Treasurer:	
Miss Anna E. Watson	1957
Assessors:	
Edwin C. Breckenridge, Chairman	1958
Joseph M. Dymerski	1957
Ruth T. Mongeau	1959
Tax Collector:	
Barbara W. Swanda	1958
Elector, Oliver Smith Will:	
Merton Bickford	1957
School Committee:	
Kenneth Sherk, Chairman	1959
Eleanor Mansfield, Secretary	1957
Eleanor Ballway	1959
Erol Bowie	1958
Norman F. Graves	1958

Constables :	
Charles Cross	1957
Vardic Golash	1957
Board of Health :	
Bernard Reardon, Chairman	1957
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1958
Mrs. Margaret L. Madison	1959
Water Commissioners :	
Charles M. Damon, Jr., Chairman	1958
Bertram W. Clarke	1957
George H. Childs	1959
Tree Warden :	
David L. Dewey	1957
Trustees of Haydenville Library :	
Mrs. Lula Smith	1959
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1958
Viola J. Fraser	1957
Trust Fund Commissioners :	
Frederick L. Smith	1959
Arthur H. Showalter (Deceased)	1958
Donald S. Outhuse	1957
Recreation Committee :	
Barbara Hathaway, Chairman	1957
Albert Mosher, Jr.	1958
Henry T. Hmielewski	1959
Moderator :	
John H. Breguet	1957

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 13, 1956 as follows: Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Chairman; Carl M. Hemenway, Clerk, and Frank Paul, Chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

Highway work was carried on in a very efficient and satisfactory manner by the newly appointed Superintendent of Highways, Harry Warner, Jr. Details of some of the more important work are as follows:

Chapter 90 Construction, Ashfield Road—2200 ft. road built and 2- $\frac{1}{3}$ gals. per yd. application of T-6. 600 ft. of road graded and sloped on southern side of same job.

Chapter 81 Construction, Old Goshen Road—1100 ft. shaped and graded, ready for surface treatment.

Adams Road—1200 ft. shaped, graded, ready for treatment.

Chapter 90 Maintenance—1 mile of road resurfaced.

Chapter 81 Maintenance—1.9 miles of road resurfaced.

Materials used: 12,788 yds. gravel, 15,555 gals. oil, 558 tons grits, 55 tons patch material, 15 tons calcium chloride.

Approximately \$5,000.00 was paid out to truck owners in town. We would like to point out that because of

the age and condition of the majority of the town equipment, it is impossible to maintain a healthy machinery earnings account.

Very large and late snowstorms in the spring of 1956 and an unusual number of snowfalls in December have greatly increased the costs of winter highways.

Verbal agreements have been made with two residents who have acquired four-wheel drive trucks which are very efficient in plowing snow and especially efficient in deep and hard packed snow. In cases where a two-wheeled drive could not get through, costly bulldozing was resorted to, prior to the present truck hiring arrangement. The hired cost per hour is high for snow plowing but the Selectmen are not so optimistic as to believe the Town wished to buy two new four-wheel drive trucks.

Average age of the town trucks, aside from the new one, is 9- $\frac{2}{3}$ years, the oldest being a 1945 model. We feel the need for a new loader to be much more urgent than for a truck and we are requesting that the Town buy only the new loader. The savings in not buying a new truck will be more than offset in increased operating costs of the old trucks but we feel the overall loss would be much greater if the highway department has to go along with the old loader.

All Veterans' Services have been turned over to the Veterans' Service Department under the direction of Herbert Haskell of Worthington who, by vote of your Selectmen, is now the Town's Veterans' Agent.

The Library Bridge in Haydenville was found to be corroded to the extent that it was condemned for further use. Construction of a new bridge is entirely in the hands of the State Department of Public Works.

State auditors have advised the Selectmen that earnings of "worthy poor" funds should be expended entirely annually. We have done our best but we have had only enough applications to partly succeed. It is hoped that those qualified will be ready to make application in the future.

Attention is called to the state of Town Finances. With this Town in fourth place in honors as high tax-rate in this state, it is felt that with the fully recommended budget increases with all other unessential as well as essential requests, we have a very good chance of achieving top honors in the state during the year 1957. We most certainly are on our way to over the \$100.00 tax rate barrier which may be evaded, however, by sugar-coating with our reappraisal.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR., Chairman

FRANK P. PAUL

CARL M. HEMENWAY

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, all for a term of three years. To elect two Trust Fund Commissioners, one for a term of one year and one for a term of three years. To elect one Library Trustee for a term of three years. To elect one School Committeeman for a term of three years.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School

Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,156.39 to be paid to the Treas-

urer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$6,991.74 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1956 to the Truck and Tractor Maintenance Account of 1957.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen together with the Chairmen of the Board of Assessors and Board of Water Commissioners, to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from March 1, 1957 to February 28, 1958, who shall be provided with an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of twenty hours per week throughout the year, that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will empower the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water Commissioners and Board of Assessors to appoint their own members to other town positions, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,430.00 to pay the principal of \$25,000.00 on the Anne T. Dunphy School Loan and

\$2,000.00 for the Helen E. James remodeling loan, and the interest of \$2,730.00 on the Anne T. Dunphy School Loan and \$700.00 on the Helen E. James remodeling loan, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,251.25 for the purpose of maintaining and operating, including debt and interest charges for the Water Department for the year 1957, and to meet said appropriations the sum of \$4,251.25 to be appropriated from water surplus, and the sum of \$12,000.00 to be appropriated from water revenue of 1957, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 for an expert appraisal of taxable real estate, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of \$4,900.00 previously appropriated by the town under Article 22 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held February 12, 1956, or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to petition in behalf of the town, the State Tax Commission for the acceptance of an assessment system in accordance with the provisions of Section 7D of Chapter 58 of the General Laws, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to publish a complete list of assessed real property, showing assessments placed on each parcel, every five years beginning with the year 1960. The form of publication to be a part of the annual town report published for such year, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,250.00 to purchase a new fire truck to replace Engine #1 in the Village of

Williamsburg and to authorize the Fire Department to sell the tanker, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38.00 for the installation of street lights at the intersection of Kingsley Avenue and Hatfield Street and at the High Street Cemetery in Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the bequest as in the will of the late Anne T. Dunphy, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to purchase a tractor with cab and loader for the Highway Department, \$1,000.00 to be transferred from Truck and Tractor Maintenance Account of 1957 and \$3,500.00 to be raised and appropriated, and to empower the Board of Selectmen to trade in the Trojan Loader, or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to pay Milton Rice for land damages as set forth in the Committee report, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend By-law No. 2 of the Town of Williamsburg, which By-law reads as follows: 'The annual Town meeting shall be held on the Second Saturday in February of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant', delete 'second Saturday' and substitute 'third Monday', so that the By-law now reads: 'the annual town meeting shall be held on the third Monday in February of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant', or take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from funds granted under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, the sum of \$2,000.00 to be used for new con-

struction on Old Goshen Road, Williamsburg and Adams Road, Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to construct a storm sewer (approximately 800 feet of 18 inch tile), on Maple Street and Kingsley Avenue, Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to purchase and erect Stop and No Parking signs in both villages, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to repair the roof on Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors to adopt official street names for the Town of Williamsburg, or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 41, Section 45A of the General Laws, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Board of Assessors to use from available funds the sum of \$25,000.00 to reduce taxation, or take any other action thereon.

Report of Finance Committee

Please refer to the Town Accountant's report where you will find listed the transfers from the Reserve Fund that we made to cover deficiencies in various departments during the year 1956.

We refer you to the pages of this Town Report wherein is listed the Budget Requests and our Recommendations for 1957.

The Finance Committee reminds the townspeople that our schools have been expanded and improved and with the rising costs of supplies and salaries is now taking approximately 60% of our total budget. This does not include the payments on principal or interest on the school bonds.

We agree that good schools are the most important facility a town provides for its citizens and we all want to provide the best possible education for our children.

Therefore, the finance committee has tried to apportion the remaining 40% of the budget so all the other departments can function to provide essential services.

With the above in mind, we have gone over with each department, every item listed in their budgets, and while we might feel that all the requests were proper and desirable they represented an increase over last year's budgets of about \$20,000. We are forced to conclude that at present it is not a question of what is desirable for the Town but a question of what the taxpayers can afford to pay for. We have accordingly recommended a budget which reduces this increase to about \$5,000 over

last year, by reducing individual items or by using other available funds in the case of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children.

Your Finance Committee has spent long hours studying these budgets and town finances, but can only recommend to the voters. What is appropriated depends entirely upon those voters present at Town Meeting.

It shows a deplorable lack of interest on the part of the people of a town when about 90% of the voters stay away from Town Meeting and let the other 10% make all the appropriations that make up the tax rate.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the officials of the Town for their cooperation. These public spirited men and women are serving you with little or no pay and are deserving of all our support.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD S. OUTHUSE

JOHN O. JONES

W. LEROY LEONARD

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

HANS L. NIETSCHE

ROLLO PURRINGTON

MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER

WINFIELD S. SMITH

MRS. HARRY WILLISTON

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1957

	1956	1956	1957	1957
	Approp.	Expended	Request	Recom.
Moderator	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	3,322.91	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	40.00	40.00	75.00	75.00
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	4,040.00	3,362.91	4,075.00	4,075.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, Chairman	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Member	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Member	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	300.00	234.72	300.00	300.00
Advertising	50.00	37.50	50.00	50.00
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	1,150.00	1,072.22	1,150.00	1,150.00
Treasurer				
Salary	900.00	900.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Maintenance	350.00	345.41	400.00	400.00
Tax Title Expense	75.00	5.00	75.00	75.00
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	1,325.00	1,250.41	1,675.00	1,675.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Accountant				
Salary	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Maintenance	100.00	99.16	150.00	150.00
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	850.00	849.16	900.00	900.00

Assessors				
Salaries	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Maintenance	250.00	204.19	250.00	250.00
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	800.00	754.19	800.00	800.00
 Town Clerk				
Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	300.00	300.00	330.00	330.00
Elections and Registrations	800.00	814.93	300.00	300.00
Street Listings (Chap. 51 SA)			275.00	275.00
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	1,400.00	1,414.93	1,205.00	1,205.00
 Tax Collector				
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Maintenance	535.00	560.60	550.00	550.00
Adding Machine	294.00	268.40		
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	1,429.00	1,429.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
 Town Secretary				
Salary and Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
 General Government				
Town Hall	300.00	405.88	325.00	325.00
Town Shed	150.00	149.88	150.00	150.00
Town Counsel	250.00	507.04	300.00	300.00
Sealer, Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	900.00	900.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Clocks	175.00	254.47	125.00	125.00
Town Reports	350.00	396.00	400.00	400.00
Memorial Day	150.00	152.25	165.00	165.00
Wood Lot	10.00	9.75	12.00	12.00
Gypsy Moth & Public Nuisances State Liab.	642.40	9.00	300.00	300.00
Dutch Elm Control State Liab.	321.20	327.00	750.00	750.00
Dutch Elm Control Town			350.00	350.00
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	3,348.60	3,211.27	4,177.00	4,177.00

Recreation Committee				
Athletic Field	400.00	308.73	400.00	400.00
Recreation	100.00	190.35	100.00	100.00
Power Mower			200.00	200.00
	500.00	499.08	700.00	700.00
Police				
Salaries	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Telephones	125.00	129.10	140.00	140.00
Special Police	100.00	106.10	100.00	100.00
Equipment	100.00	132.65	150.00	150.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,383.20	1,400.00	1,400.00
School Patrol	800.00	852.15	1,000.00	1,000.00
	2,725.00	2,803.20	2,990.00	2,990.00
Fire Department				
Salaries, Chief	200.00	200.00	400.00	300.00
Deputy Chief	150.00	150.00	200.00	200.00
Firefighters	70.00	64.00	350.00	175.00
Telephone and Lights	750.00	924.57	800.00	800.00
Insurance	200.50	178.28	250.00	250.00
Labor at Fires	1,000.00	1,214.50	1,300.00	1,300.00
Fuel	400.00	548.33	600.00	600.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	1,034.11	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training	300.00	114.00		
New Equipment	800.00	775.20	500.00	500.00
Water Holes	100.00			
Radio Equipment			1,200.00	000.00
Building Maintenance	600.00	341.24	400.00	400.00
Administration	50.00	75.56	75.00	75.00
	5,620.50	5,619.79	7,075.00	5,600.00
Highways				
Chapter 81	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00
Winter and General	10,000.00	15,620.73	12,000.00	12,000.00
Bridges & Railings	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Sidewalk Repair	200.00	199.98	250.00	250.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tool Account	200.00	173.20	200.00	200.00
Street Lights	3,220.00	3,158.14	3,231.60	3,231.60
	22,270.00	27,802.05	24,831.60	23,831.60

Board of Health

Public Health	1,200.00	402.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Barn & Animal Inspection	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Chairman's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dairy Inspection	75.00		75.00	75.00
Slaughter Inspection	125.00	30.00	100.00	100.00
Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish Collection	500.00	556.00	720.00	720.00
Well Child Clinic	300.00	300.00	350.00	350.00
Dump Caretaker	520.00	609.60	700.00	700.00
Dump Maintenance	300.00	326.00	400.00	400.00
Administration	100.00	76.85	100.00	100.00
Garbage Collection	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Immunization Clinic	300.00		300.00	300.00
	5,580.00	4,460.45	6,105.00	6,105.00

Water Department

Caretaker, Pumping				
Station	150.00	150.54	150.00	150.00
Caretaker, Watershed	100.00	70.75	100.00	100.00
Caretaker, Chlorinator	100.00	90.75	100.00	100.00
Pipeline Maintenance	4,000.00	5,922.80	5,000.00	5,000.00
Watershed	3,800.00	273.47	3,800.00	3,800.00
Chlorinator Maintenance	1,000.00	325.81	1,000.00	1,000.00
Well Maintenance &				
Pumping Costs	1,200.00	2,386.37	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administration	300.00	168.83	200.00	200.00
South St. Extension Note			500.00	500.00
Additional Water Supply Note			2,000.00	2,000.00
Additional Water Supply Interest			360.00	360.00
Sanatorium Extension Note			1,000.00	1,000.00
Sanatorium Extension Interest			41.25	41.25
Water Connections		46.92		
	10,650.00	9,436.24	16,251.25	16,251.25
Public Welfare				
General Aid	3,000.00	1,083.65	2,500.00	2,500.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Disability Assistance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Aid to Dependent				
Children	7,500.00	7,378.52	5,000.00	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	12,500.00
Agent's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	37,700.00	35,662.17	34,700.00	24,700.00

Veterans' Benefits				
Assistance	2,500.00	3,447.13	3,500.00	3,500.00
Agent's Salary & Adm.			325.00	325.00
Agent's Salary	300.00	350.00		
Agent's Maintenance	150.00	135.58		
	<hr/> 2,950.00	<hr/> 3,932.71	<hr/> 3,825.00	<hr/> 3,825.00
Civilian Defense				
Heat and Light	100.00	25.07	100.00	100.00
Administration			50.00	50.00
	<hr/> 100.00	<hr/> 25.07	<hr/> 150.00	<hr/> 150.00
Cemeteries				
Mountain St.	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Old Village Hill	200.00	129.15	150.00	150.00
	<hr/> 275.00	<hr/> 204.15	<hr/> 225.00	<hr/> 225.00
Haydenville Library	500.00	534.10	325.00	325.00
Interest on Revenue	200.00	381.19	300.00	300.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,400.00	1,450.29	1,500.00	1,500.00
School Department				
Teachers' Salaries	92,099.36	95,249.29	100,499.01	100,499.01
Special Class Law 514	3,500.00	2,866.88	3,500.00	3,500.00
Adjustment Counselor			2,900.00	2,900.00
Adjustment Counselor's				
Travel			300.00	
Janitors' Salaries	9,900.00	9,569.52	9,900.00	9,900.00
Janitors' Supplies	1,300.00	972.07	1,300.00	1,300.00
Drawing Supervisor	1,026.67	854.06	1,000.00	1,000.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,700.00	3,771.83	2,700.00	2,700.00
Secretaries' Salaries	2,900.00	2,899.92	3,240.00	3,240.00
Union Expense	415.00	371.25	400.00	400.00
Nurse and Travel				
Expense	706.67	621.00	758.00	758.00
Physicians' Salaries	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Transportation	7,500.00	7,430.06	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	5,000.00	5,287.11	5,500.00	5,500.00
Repairs	800.00	1,119.92	900.00	900.00
Sundries	997.00	1,143.30	1,847.00	1,347.00
Telephones		506.84	450.00	450.00
Books	2,830.00	2,676.68	2,800.00	2,800.00
Classroom Supplies	1,960.00	2,074.56	3,037.47	3,037.47
Office Supplies	350.00	267.07	350.00	350.00

Athletics and				
Transportation	1,441.85	1,645.10	157.55	157.55
Smith's School Tuition	9,000.00	4,311.68	5,000.00	5,000.00
Smith's School				
Transportation	1,600.00	483.75	1,250.00	1,250.00
New Equipment	335.00	1,462.61	866.00	866.00
Insurance	1,147.53	1,147.53	1,811.79	1,811.79
Committee's Salaries	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Lights	2,200.00	2,373.18	2,200.00	2,200.00
Driver Education	200.00	282.99	250.00	250.00
Music Supervisor	1,866.67	1,878.56	2,436.00	2,436.00
Penmanship	570.00	288.00		
Physical Education	130.00	141.00	544.00	544.00
Dentist			150.00	150.00
Visual Education		66.66		
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Totals added	\$153,250.75	\$152,537.42	\$163,821.82	\$163,821.82
	\$106,348.10	\$107,689.58	\$115,654.85	\$103,179.25
	\$259,598.85	\$260,227.00	\$279,476.67	\$267,001.07

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 268 dog licenses issued in 1956 as follows: 175 males, 20 females, and 73 spayed females. Six kennel licenses were issued and one transfer license. The sum of \$616.20 was paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 532 sporting licenses issued in 1956 for which the sum of \$1,688.50 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 59 births were recorded in 1956, including 8 which occurred in 1955 and on which records were received in 1956. Also listed below are seven births which occurred in 1956 and which are recorded in 1957.

1955

Nov.	7	Raymond Ernest LaCourse
	8	Jeffrey Michael Heath
	11	Herbert Alan Kellogg
	25	Ann Joan Ingellis

Dec.	6	Mark Ernest Warner
	12	Bonnie Sue Sabo
	12	Lois Eleanor Jenkins
	21	Ellen Frances Ames

1956

Jan.	2	Dona Lee Sylvester
	8	Marianne Watling

	9	Lenny Arthur Church
	24	(No Name) Gustavis
	26	Anita Marie Brisbois
Feb.	1	Deborah Ruth Wright
	7	Stephen Joseph Foster
	15	Dianna Lynn Courville
	22	Lori Jeanne Kopka
Mar.	3	Robert Harold Smart
	5	Deborah Lyn Dewey
Apr.	4	Judith Ann LeBeau
	7	Gilbert Edward Loud, Jr.
	17	David Wayne Baldwin
	20	Linda Mary Hmileski
	24	Kathleen Marion Sylvester
	29	Thomas Joseph Breen
May	2	Ruth Olive Brown
	4	Nancy Ruth Reed
	13	John Patrick McAvoy
	17	Everett Harlan Fuller
	18	Sharon Ruth Guzik
	26	Joseph Louis Perry
	28	Michael Eric Wilson
June	16	Lynda Grace Nicholls
	17	Cynthia Marie Childs
	18	Cheryl Lee Ferron
	19	Gregory John Linscott
	23	Frank Gordon Bradley
July	10	Mary Lee Pierce
	29	Jennifer Lee Robertson
Aug.	6	Michael Leroy Hathaway
Sept.	3	Mary Elizabeth Magdalenski
	5	Mary Ann Margaret Martin
	13	Kirk Andrew Stone
	13	Stephen Joseph Heath

- 15 Edward Herrick Childs
 18 Peter Vincent Kocot
 19 Marjorie Anne Newell
 19 Kristen Safford Rouner
 20 Neil Patrick O'Brien
 24 William Thomas Walshe
 29 Karen Ann McCutcheon
- Oct. 5 Bonnie Lee Warriner
 13 Gary Ernest Wilkinson
 16 Charles Robert Patnode, Jr.
 17 Betty Ann Dondoros
 20 Shirley Mae Bohmer
 21 Thomas James Krzynowek
 26 Joseph Gordon Connell
 29 Richard James Phaneuf
- Nov. 6 Michael Arthur LaCasse
 7 Judith Ann LaCourse
 16 David Francis Golash
 23 Maurice Connell
 26 Leonard Joseph Cranston
 Betsy Jean Everett

MARRIAGES

There were 32 marriages recorded in 1956, as follows:

1955

- Dec. 30 Clarence C. Acker, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Winifred (Reason) Lascor, Williamsburg,
 Mass.

1956

- Jan. 24 Robert Marsh Mathers, Jr., Williamsburg,
 Mass.
 Anna Myrtie Hallett, Northampton, Mass.
- Feb. 17 Harold Bonzek, Greenfield, Mass.
 Edith (Lynch) Williams, Haydenville, Mass.

- Feb. 25 Charles Walter Roberge, Williamsburg, Mass.
Jeannette Carol Cooley, Sunderland, Mass.
- April 1 Lloyd Warriner, Williamsburg, Mass.
Marjorie Mackenzie, Greenfield, Mass.
- 14 Lawrence E. Coogan, Jr., Haydenville, Mass.
Ellen Jane Ames, Haydenville, Mass.
- 14 Ralph E. Bates, Haydenville, Mass.
Judith Ann Markley, Norfolk, Virginia
- 14 Lawrence Ernest Daniels, West Springfield,
Mass.
Nancy Marian Bowie, Williamsburg, Mass.
- May 13 Wesley W. Sorby, San Mateo, California
Eleanor Muriel (Rhoades) Parish, Williams-
burg, Mass.
- June 2 Bernard R. Bachand, Haydenville, Mass.
Nancy A. Allaire, Haydenville, Mass.
- 9 James E. Gulow, Northampton, Mass.
Joan C. Kenney, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 10 James Albert Swindell, Jr., Northampton,
Mass.
Barbara Louise Durbin, Northampton, Mass.
- 23 Leon Burton Cranson, Haydenville, Mass.
Elizabeth Ann O'Connor, Northampton, Mass.
- 23 Ernest Joseph Braman, Williamsburg, Mass.
June Elizabeth Allen, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 30 William Berton Foster, Haydenville, Mass.
Mary (Wells) Mimitz, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 30 Paul Jerome O'Brien, Haydenville, Mass.
Elizabeth Mabel Dunny, Northampton, Mass.
- July 4 William Francis Hibbard, Northampton,
Mass.
Carol Ann Beal, Haydenville, Mass.
- 7 Donald H. Baldwin, Haydenville, Mass.
Joan C. Braman, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Sept. 1 Robert Francis Kearney, Haydenville, Mass.
Christine Ann Diemand, Northampton, Mass.

- 1 Elson Willcutt Hathaway, Jr., Williamsburg,
 Mass.
 Eleanor Warren, Stowe, Mass.
 8 Robert Danforth Healy, Chesterfield, Mass.
 Juanita Mae Tirrell, Williamsburg, Mass.
 8 Harry G. Hawk, Cambridge, Minnesota
 Helen Guyette, Williamsburg, Mass.
 8 Frank E. Nesbitt, Goshen, Mass.
 Ann Marie Superba, Williamsburg, Mass.
 15 Gordon H. Hathaway, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Phyllis M. Johndrow, Haydenville, Mass.

 Oct. 20 Donald L. Owens, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Dorothy B. Golash, Haydenville, Mass.

 Nov. 3 Kenneth Irving Nichols, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Marcia Louise Kellogg, Haydenville, Mass.
 9 Robert G. Gardner, Jr., Haydenville, Mass.
 Anne L. Ice, Williamsburg, Mass.
 13 John Gesiorek, Northampton, Mass.
 Marjorie Perry, Williamsburg, Mass.
 15 George W. May, Haydenville, Mass.
 June (Demerski) Tiley, Haydenville, Mass.
 17 Bernard J. Jablonski, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Maureen K. McCarthy, Williamsburg, Mass.
 22 Richard B. Walsh, Northampton, Mass.
 Janice H. Cumm, Haydenville, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 29 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1956, as follows: :

	Date		Yr.	Mo.	Da.
	1955				
Dec.	3	Donald Purrington	65	7	26
	1956				
Jan.	24	(No Name) Gustavis			5 hrs.
	31	Mary T. (Osborne) Weeks	71	10	28
Feb.	19	Gordon J. Nash	44	0	10

	22	Zygmont K. Batura	63	2	0
	24	Anne T. Dunphy	65	3	0
	29	Raymond Francis Miller	57	7	20
Apr.	7	Susie (Kenney) Baker	47	8	12
	25	Elva (Fuller) Bickford	83	7	28
May	3	Mary A. Murphy	75	1	27
	22	Marion (Smith) Breckenridge	86	6	25
	22	Anna F. (Figgis) Huntley	98	2	11
	25	George W. King	58	4	10
June	11	Malcolm H. Perrea, Jr.	24	4	18
	21	Roseanna (Fontaine) Allaire	79	8	13
July	18	Bernice Otis	69	1	10
	29	Mary Thomas	5	5	1
Aug.	1	Charlotte (Cadden) Warner	92	0	0
	10	George E. Tennyson	81	6	2
	21	Joseph Morin	52	3	17
	27	Arthur H. Showalter	69	4	29
Sept.	11	James C. Ryan	67	9	9
	26	Lucius A. Merritt	68	5	9
	29	Frederick W. Sanderson	60	11	2
Nov.	18	Eva (Brodeur) Paquette	70	0	0
	21	Harry Chester Nedd Smith	83	3	1
	25	Harriet (Forsyth) Packard	88	9	2
	26	Maurice Connell	0	0	3
	27	Myron Albert Lawton	56	0	19

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding December 31, 1955:

1953 Real Estate	\$52,81
1954 Personal Property	1,224.76
Real Estate	2,489.74
Excise Tax	349.26
1955 Poll Tax	82.00
Personal Property	2,752.56
Real Estate	21,300.30
Excise	1,407.41
Total	\$29,658.84

Abatements:

1954 Excise Tax	\$103.26
1955 Poll Tax	10.00
Excise Tax	360.96
1956 Poll Tax	32.00
Personal Property	529.65
Real Estate	6,732.97
Excise Tax	946.64
Total	\$8,715.48

Tax Title:

1956	\$108.45
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Commitments:

1956 Poll Tax	\$1,046.00
Personal Property	18,717.57
Real Estate	161,250.12
Excise Tax	18,904.96
1955 Excise Tax (Committed March, 1956)	245.49
Total	\$200,164.14

Collected and Paid Treasurer
 (Including Interest)

1953	Real Estate	\$57,89
1954	Personal Property	446.75
	Real Estate	1,957.14
	Excise Tax	78.05
1955	Poll Tax	90.75
	Personal Property	1,660.47
	Real Estate	17,881.86
	Excise Tax	2,317.30
1956	Poll Tax	1,056.60
	Personal Property	14,310.56
	Real Estate	127,688.49
	Excise Tax	13,840.88
	Total	\$181,386.74

Outstanding December 31, 1956:

1954	Real Estate	\$1,297.89
	Personal Property	307.05
	Excise Tax	188.88
1955	Poll Tax	4.00
	Personal Property	1,132.66
	Real Estate	4,110.20
	Excise Tax	337.75
1956	Poll Tax	20.00
	Personal Property	3,882.96
	Real Estate	27,387.84
	Excise Tax	4,613.77
	Total	\$43,283.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,

Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1956, Balance on hand	\$113,775.42
Receipts for the year	479,315.29
	<hr/> \$593,090.71

Credits

Payments for the year	\$428,324.76
Jan. 1, 1957, Balance on hand	164,765.95
	<hr/> \$593,090.71

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,

Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balances and Balance Sheet will be found in the following pages.

Departmental examinations have been made during the year and I respectfully request that all departments receiving monies for the Town turn them over to the Town Treasurer promptly and at least once a month.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Real Estate 1953	\$52.81
Personal Property 1954	420.91
Real Estate 1954	1,801.20
Real Estate 1954 Water Liens	56.50
Poll Tax 1955	68.00
Personal Property 1955	1,625.76

Real Estate 1955	17,494.76
Poll Tax 1956	998.00
Personal Property 1956	14,304.96
Real Estate 1956	127,637.81
	<hr/> \$164,460.71

Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise 1954	64.12
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise 1955	2,186.74
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise 1956	13,831.39
	<hr/> 16,082.25

Taxes, State:	
Corporation	6,912.77
Income Tax	3,937.05
Income Tax—	
State Aid Chapter 70 Schools	31,946.09
Income Tax—	
State Aid Chapter 71 Schools	1,411.76
Meal Tax	724.78
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	114.30
Paraplegic Veterans	189.00
	<hr/> 45,235.75

Licenses:	
Liquor	4,700.00
Board of Health	6.50
Junk	10.00
Automatic Music and Amusement	69.75
Common Victuallers	18.00
Hawkers	16.00
Sunday Licenses	18.00
Used Car	75.00
Gasoline	2.00
	<hr/> 4,915.25

Permits:	
Pistol	10.00
Fines and Forfeitures:	
Court	28.10
Dog Licenses for County	618.00
	646.10
Grants and Gifts:	
County—	
Dog License Refunds	378.11
Chapter 90 Construction 1954	2,277.75
Chapter 90 Construction 1955	1,225.25
Chapter 90 Construction 1956	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1955	1,000.00
	7,381.11
State—	
Chapter 90 Construction 1955	5,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction 1956	5,000.00
Chapter 81 Highways 1955	8,908.59
Chapter 81 Highways 1956	4,449.25
Flood Relief	6,134.40
School Superintendent	1,400.00
School Transportation	5,460.50
New Elementary School	8,903.10
Commodity Distribution—	
School Lunch	4,735.00
	49,990.84
U. S. Grants—	
Disability Assistance	3,381.21
Disability Assistance	
Administration	69.49
Aid to Dependent Children	3,523.15
Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	553.70
Old Age Assistance	9,656.47
Old Age Assistance	
Administration	309.29
	17,493.31

Departmental Revenue:	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	54.85
Disability Assistance—State	4,121.67
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,168.13
Old Age Assistance—State	11,240.41
Disability Assistance	
Administration—State	34.75
Old Age Assistance—	
Cities and Towns	826.46
Veterans' Benefits—State	1,599.69
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	1,934.55
General Relief, Temporary Aid and Transportation	322.00
Animal Inspection—State	25.00
School Department—	
Tuition	9,110.95
State Ward's Tuition	909.73
State Ward's Transportation	302.00
Insurance Claim	7.39
Miscellaneous Sales and Claims	110.54
Rent of Gymnasium	52.50
Cafeteria Income	12,477.06
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	46,297.68
Vocational Education—State	3,931.61
Water Rents	12,295.45
County Extension Note and Interest—1955	1,937.50
County Extension Note and Interest 1956	1,882.50
Water Miscellaneous	942.19
Water Entrances and Connections	470.00
Liquor Advertisements	24.75
Collector's Costs and Fees	169.85
Truck and Tractor Earnings	6,420.09
Sale of Town Histories and Postage	83.56
High School Athletic Fund	1,634.34

Sale of Engine	10.00
Damage to Town Highway Fence	10.65

	29,812.49
Federal Withholding Tax	18,605.35
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,226.90
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	1,261.85

	21,094.10
Interest:	
Taxes, Real and Personal	604.30
Taxes, Motor Vehicle and	
Trailer Excise	69.63
Treasurer's Deposit	314.50

	988.43
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	50,000.00
Helen E. James Remodeling Loan	20,000.00
Library Fines	18.86
Miscellaneous Receipts:	
Refunds	
Fire Department	1.50
Teachers' Retirement	32.73
Land Check—Clark	600.00
Springfield Hospital	321.15
Haydenville Kindergarten	7.04
Accountant's Salary	250.00
Dog Officer	6.50
Water Department	105.00

	1,323.92

Trust Funds:

Income

Collins School Fund	1,289.07
Whiting Street Worthy	
Poor Fund	167.22
Electa Waite Charity Fund	53.20
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	150.00
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	75.00
Byron Loomis School Fund	223.08

Onslow G. Spelman	
School Fund	1,107.06
Ethel Curry School Fund	27.50
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	150.00
Cemetery Fund	39.76
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	21.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	178.98
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	82.62
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	3,564.49
Total Receipts 1956	\$479,315.29
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	113,775.42
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	\$593,090.71
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PAYMENTS

Moderator	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	\$800.00
Selectmen's Maintenance	
Association Meetings	3.50
Travel	60.72
Dues	31.00
Stationery and Forms	77.50
Appraisal	10.00
Telephone	29.60
Traffic Count	22.40
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	234.72
Selectmen's Advertising	37.50
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	1,072.22
Accountant's Salary	1,000.00
Accountant's Maintenance	
Clerk	35.00
Stationery and Forms	34.16
Telephone	15.00
Adding Machine Rent	15.00
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	1,099.16

Treasurer's Salary	900.00
Treasurer's Maintenance	
Clerk	25.00
Telephone	48.15
Carfare	18.90
Stationery	113.06
Certification of Note	2.00
Safe Deposit Box Rent	10.00
Bond	117.00
Dues	2.00
Miscellaneous	9.30
Tax Title Expense	5.00

	1,250.41
Tax Collector's Salary	600.00
Tax Collector's Maintenance	
Dues	2.00
Adding Machine Rent	20.00
Stationery and Forms	245.80
Bonds	211.25
Water Lien Release	2.00
Insurance	27.50
Mileage	27.05
Supplies	25.00
Adding Machine	268.40

	1,429.00
Assessors' Salaries	550.00
Assessors' Maintenance	
Dues	9.00
Records of Transfers	52.00
Stationery and Forms	88.19
Mileage	55.00

	754.19
Town Counsel	507.04
Town Clerk's Salary	300.00
Town Clerk's Maintenance	
Vital Statistics	112.00

Bond	5.00
Stationery and Forms	74.10
Telephone	62.50
Clerk	23.15
Dues and Service	12.50
Equipment	10.75
	300.00
	600.00
Elections and Registrations:	
Labor	32.25
Forms	32.50
Salaries	125.00
Wardens and Clerks	488.00
Booths	134.18
	814.93
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	
Finance Committee:	
Clerk	25.00
Dues	15.00
	40.00
Town Secretary's Salary	
Town Hall:	
Telephone	210.56
Electricity	28.54
Repairs	74.95
Janitor	35.33
Insurance	56.50
	405.88
Town Shed	
Fuel	80.25
Repairs	69.60
	149.85
Total General Government	
	\$9,433.93

Police Department:

Salaries	200.00
Labor	774.00
Mileage	384.90
Court	196.85
Legal	50.00
Dog Tax Collection	27.45
Special Police	106.10
Equipment	132.65
School Traffic Patrol	82.80
Telephones	129.10
	2,033.85
School Traffic Patrol	769.35
	2,803.20

Fire Department:

Salaries	414.00
Telephones	806.22
Electricity	118.35
Insurance	178.28
Labor at Fires	1,214.50
Training	114.00
Fuel	548.33
Equipment Maintenance	1,034.11
New Equipment	775.20
Building Maintenance	341.24
Administration	75.56
	5,619.79

Williamsburg Fire House Addition:

Advertising	34.89
Construction Contract	2,795.12
Heating Equipment	234.03
Colprovia Drive	80.00
Supplies	6.82
	3,150.86

Sealer of Weights and Measures:	
Salary	100.00
Tree Warden:	
Labor	471.00
Truck and Tractor Hire	218.25
Chain Saw	210.75

	900.00
Gypsy Moth	9.00
Dutch Elm Control:	
Spraying	312.00
Field Work	15.00

	327.00
Civilian Defense:	
Electricity	25.07

	25.07
Total Protection of Persons and Property	12,934.92

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salary	100.00
Administration	
Telephone	8.60
Postage	6.50
Mileage	37.60
Miscellaneous	24.15
Sanatorium	402.00
Barn and Animal Inspection	60.00
Slaughter Inspection	30.00
Town Dump Rent	200.00
Town Dump Caretaker	609.60
Garbage Collection	1,800.00
Rubbish Collection	556.00
Town Dump Maintenance	326.00
Well Child Clinic	300.00
Visiting Nurse	1,000.00
Total Health and Sanitation	_____
	5,460.45

BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81:

Labor	5,400.61
Town Equipment	2,837.62
Private Equipment	957.75
Gravel	736.46
Colprovia	250.83
Patch	153.31
Culverts	382.71
Plowing, Private Equipment	301.50
Crushed Stone	17.10
Calcium Chloride	430.44
Mowing	168.75
Salt	784.00
Oil	1,356.07
Barrels	13.50
Grits	912.57
	14,703.22

Winter and General Highways:

Labor	5,118.78
Town Equipment	3,091.50
Sand	143.01
Salt	560.38
Sanding, Private Equipment	4,502.40
Pipe	2.02
Culvert	265.41
Freight	11.46
Patch	95.70
Equipment	170.50
Plowing, Private Equipment	1,624.00
Repairs	23.32
Fuel	5.75
Cement	6.50
	15,620.73

Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	3,498.40
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Town Equipment	814.00
Private Equipment	7,691.25
Cement	28.00
Material	134.68
Gravel	1,353.15
Blasting	9.00
Culvert	279.30
Grass Seed	11.74
Oil	955.58
Calcium Chloride	114.00
	14,889.10

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	539.05
Town Equipment	163.75
Grits	149.53
Oil	678.03
Private Equipment	42.00
Patch	42.90
Culverts	902.30
	2,517.56

Bridges and Railings:

Labor	668.46
Town Equipment	101.63
Repairs	27.00
Cement	71.75
Cutting and Sawing Lumber	601.17
Chain Saw	14.00
Culvert	347.59
Material	168.40
	2,000.00

Sidewalks:

Labor	149.80
Patch	20.30
Town Equipment	20.25
Miscellaneous	9.63
	199.98

Old Goshen Road Repair:	
Culvert	100.66
Labor	8.00
Chain Saw	6.80

	115.46
Tool Account	173.20
Street Lights	3,158.14
Street Markers	41.77
New Truck Purchase:	
Truck	3,568.00
Insurance	50.87
Body Construction	200.45

	3,819.32
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:	
Repairs	2,987.79
Gas and Oil	1,683.84
Insurance	530.28
Blades	185.27
Miscellaneous	64.03
Tires	127.95
Grader Hire	1,400.00
Registrations	18.00

	6,997.16
Total of Highways and Bridges	\$64,235.64

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

General Relief:	
Board and Room	826.89
Doctors	11.00
Hospital	235.16

	1,073.05
Welfare Agent's Administration	
Town	1,000.00
Disability Assistance Federal	
Administration	69.49

Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	784.33
Old Age Assistance	
Administration	67.13
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	1,920.95

Welfare Agent's Administration	200.00
Disability Assistance—Town:	

Assistance	3,703.80
Medicine	245.41
Hospital	1,970.23
Doctors	80.56
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	6,000.00

Disability Assistance—Federal:

Assistance	2,532.70
Medicine	279.39
Hospital	963.53
Doctors	83.44
Ambulance	15.00
Miscellaneous	15.00
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	3,889.06
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	9,889.06

Aid to Dependent Children—Town:

Aid	6,329.31
Doctors	92.00
Medicine	129.03
Hospital	438.00
Dentist	53.00
Funeral	150.00
Ambulance	20.00
Nursing Home	167.18
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	7,378.52

Old Age Assistance—Federal:

Aid	7,917.76
Doctors	227.15

Hospital	124.59
Nursing Homes	1,135.56
Medicine	245.71
Glasses	45.00
Cities and Towns	172.23
	9,868.00
Old Age Assistance—Town :	
Aid	16,313.63
Doctors	414.50
Hospital	861.62
Nursing Homes	1,850.84
Medicine	472.41
Glasses	33.00
Ambulance	54.00
	20,000.00
	29,868.00
Veterans' Benefits :	
Benefits	2,196.50
Fuel	316.00
Medicine	121.86
Hospital	761.77
Doctors	51.00
	3,447.13
Veterans' Agent's Salary	300.00
Veterans' Agent's Maintenance	135.58
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits	54,212.29

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools :	
Teachers' Salaries	95,249.29
Special Class Law 514	2,866.88
Janitors' Salaries	9,569.52
Janitors' Supplies	972.07
Drawing Supervisor	854.06

Superintendent's Salary	3,771.83
Secretaries' Salaries	2,899.92
Union Expense	371.25
Nurse and Travel Expense	621.00
Physicians' Salaries	500.00
Transportation	7,430.06
Fuel	5,287.11
Repairs	1,119.92
Sundries	1,143.30
Telephones	506.84
Books	2,676.68
Classroom Supplies	2,074.56
Office Supplies	267.07
Athletics and Transportation	1,645.10
Smith's School Tuition	4,311.68
Smith's School Transportation	483.75
New Equipment	1,462.61
Insurance	1,147.53
Committee's Salaries	275.00
Lights	2,373.18
Driver Education	282.99
Music Supervisor	1,878.56
Penmanship	288.00
Visual Education	66.66
Physical Education	141.00
	152,537.42

New Elementary School Construction:

Labor	115.80
Equipment	993.84
Fence	1,830.00
Construction	581.00
Miscellaneous	457.42
	3,978.06

Helen E. James School Remodeling::

Certification of Notes	20.00
Notes	37.00
Supplies	53.90

Plumbing and Heating	10,277.82
Painting	1,387.00
Roof	675.00
Construction	5,574.10
Electrical	1,594.30
Architect	1,150.00
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	20,769.12
Byron Loomis Fund:	
Equipment	64.80
Encyclopedia	116.32
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	181.12
Collins Fund:	
Interest, New Elementary School	2,000.00
Spelman Fund:	
Interest, New Elementary School	1,080.00
High School Athletic Fund:	
Uniforms and Apparel	511.13
Cafeteria:	
Wages	6,424.98
Food	8,815.84
Express	49.20
Travel	258.00
Linen	183.97
Soap	76.70
Equipment	808.60
Miscellaneous	166.57
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	16,783.86

Library—Haydenville:	
Librarian	84.00
Janitor	19.50
Labor	79.50
New Equipment	20.35
Insurance	14.70
Repairs	278.04
Magazines	5.00

Electricity	14.81
Fuel	15.40
Miscellaneous	2.80

	534.10
Total for Schools and Libraries	198,374.81

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Band	40.00
Hallowe'en Party	45.00
Janitor	50.00
Equipment	55.35

	190.35

Athletic Field:

Mowing	58.00
Repairs	168.25
Gas	5.68
Labor	76.80

	308.73

Town Clocks:

Insurance	19.50
Repairs	125.00
Caretakers	80.00
Electricity	29.97

	254.47

Memorial Day:

Speaker	10.00
Drum Corps	80.00
Flowers	19.55
Flags	24.20
Loudspeaker	10.00
Baskets	8.50

	152.25

Printing Town Reports 1955	396.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,339.17
Wood Lot	9.75
Reappraisal, Article 22	1,500.00
Dog Officer	6.50
Haydenville Kindergarten	7.04
Land Damage	515.00
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Total of Recreation and Unclassified	4,679.26

CEMETERIES AND ENTERPRISES

Old Village Hill Cemetery :

Equipment	150.00
Repairs	7.15
Weedkiller	7.00
Labor	115.00
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	279.15

Mountain Street Cemetery :

Labor	75.00
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Water Department :

Additional Water Supply

Supplies	11.45
Repairs	1.17
Labor	152.79
Fuel	3.35
Electricity	2,368.15

Chlorinator Maintenance

Chemicals	59.35
Equipment	5.40
Labor	92.25
Electricity	259.56
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	2,953.47

Pipe Line Maintenance

Rent	1.00
Supplies	15.83
Labor	854.41

Equipment	3,600.44
Equipment Hire	652.50
Fuel	2.60
Petticoat Hill Extension	
Labor	428.38
Material	13.64
Equipment Hire	354.00

	5,922.80
Water Connections	46.92
Watershed	
Equipment Hire	270.77
Labor	70.75
Supplies	2.70

	344.22
Insurance	7.50
Water Liens	4.50
Administration	156.83

Total for Water Department	9,436.24

Total Enterprises and Cemeteries	9,790.39

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:	
State Parks and Reservations	445.18
State Audit	65.17
County Tax	10,440.91
Dog Tax	719.40

	11,670.66
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	
Income	39.76
Withholding Tax	18,275.78
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,192.61
Town's Share Retirement Fund	1,233.94
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,261.85
Collector's Costs and Fees	147.90

	22,151.94

Trust Funds:	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	44.18
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	415.00
Collins School Fund	47.19
A. S. Hills Charity Fund	600.00
Mary L. Main Charity	200.00

	1,306.37

Total of Agency, Trust and Investment	35,128.87
Refunds:	
Water Department	219.90
School Teachers' Retirement	32.73
Motor Vehicle Excise	682.36
Personal Property Taxes	4.32
Real Estate Taxes	1,404.90
Poll Taxes	6.00
Flood Relief Overpayment	1,355.30
Total Refunds	_____
	3,705.51

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:	
South Street Extension	103.13
Additional Water Supply	405.00
Sanatorium Extension	82.50
Anticipation of Revenue	278.06

	868.69
Loans:	
South Street Extension	500.00
Additional Water Supply	2,000.00
Hampshire County Extension	2,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School	25,000.00

	29,500.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt	30,368.69

Total Payments	\$428,324.76
Cash on Hand December 31, 1956	164,765.95
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	\$593,090.71
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RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Memorial Day	2.25
Town Reports 1955	46.00
Elections and Registrations	14.93
Town Hall	125.00
Dutch Elm	5.80
Highways, Chapter 81	3.22
Highways, Chapter 90	
Construction 1955	.06
Highways, Chapter 90	
Construction 1956	.04
Old Goshen Road Repair	.30
Veterans' Benefits	962.13
Haydenville Library	35.10
Town Clocks	81.00
Interest	181.19
Town Counsel	257.04
Winter Highways	1,500.00
Police Maintenance	108.85
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	\$3,322.91

TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

	Balance	Income	Expended	Balance
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed	\$1,000.42	\$167.22	\$415.00	\$585.42
Whiting Street Worthy Poor	681.97			849.19
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor	388.50	75.00	200.00	263.50
Electa Waite Worthy Poor	263.52	53.20		316.72
Lyman D. Waite Worthy Poor	185.20	21.00		206.20
Albert S. Hills Charity	612.06	150.00	600.00	162.06
C. J. Hills Charity	506.49	150.00	44.18	612.31
Ethel Curry School	88.75	27.50		116.25
Collins School	953.65	1,289.07	2,047.19	195.53
Byron Loomis School	436.16	223.08	181.12	478.12
Onslow G. Spelman School	264.62	1,107.06	1,080.00	291.68
Albert D. Sanders School	336.95	178.98		515.93
Ellsworth H. Hyde School	212.21	82.62		294.83
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		39.76	39.76	
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	\$5,930.50	\$3,564.49	\$4,607.25	\$4,887.74

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$164,765.95
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954		\$307.05
Personal Property		
Real Estate	1,297.89	1,604.94
Levy of 1955		
Poll	4.00	
Personal Property	1,132.66	
Real Estate	4,110.20	5,246.86
Levy of 1956		
Poll	20.00	
Personal Property	3,882.96	
Real Estate	27,387.84	31,290.80
Tax Titles	398.87	
Tax Possessions	192.43	591.30
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	692.99	
Old Age Assistance	573.42	1,266.41
Water Department:		
Rates	1,960.82	
Miscellaneous	1,013.55	
Petticoat Hill Extension	55.00	3,029.37
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	188.88	
Levy of 1955	337.75	
Levy of 1956	4,613.77	5,140.40
State Aid to Highways		8,400.75

County Aid to Highways	997.00
Due from Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,300.00
County Tax	90.03
State Park Tax 1956	184.83
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	\$227,908.64
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LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions :

Federal Taxes	\$1,805.22
County Retirement System	165.76
Collector's Costs and Fees	21.95
Water Entrances and Connections	87.00
Sale, Land of Low Value, Excess	226.49
Land Purchase, Anne T. Dunphy School	600.00

Trust Fund Income :

Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	585.42
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	849.19
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	263.50
Electa Waite Charity Fund	316.72
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	206.20
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	162.06
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	612.31
Collins School Fund	195.53
Onslow G. Spelman Fund	291.68
Byron Loomis School Fund	478.12
Ethel Curry School Fund	116.25
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	515.93
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	294.83
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	4,887.74

Federal Grants :

Disability Assistance :

Assistance	745.89
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Aid to Dependent Children :

Assistance	6,482.94
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Old Age Assistance:	
Assistance	11,381.99
Administration	2,073.90
	20,684.72
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans and Engineering	12.00
School Athletic Fund	1,713.06
School Cafeteria	2,052.78
Appropriation Balances:	
Revenue, General	3,708.51
Non-Revenue, New Elem. School	4,118.82
H. E. James School Remodeling	1,230.88
	9,058.21
Road Machinery Fund	6,991.74
State and County Aid to Highways	9,397.75
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	5,075.26
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1954	1,254.88
Levy of 1955	4,875.10
Levy of 1956	5,164.64
	11,294.62
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	5,140.40
Tax titles and Possessions	591.30
Departmental	1,266.41
Water	3,029.37
	10,027.48
Note, Anticipation of Revenue	50,000.00
Water Available Surplus	10,622.53
Surplus Revenue	83,184.33
	\$227,908.64

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$119,452.12
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Trustee	3,876.74
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	\$123,328.86
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Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	\$17,649.07
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,470.64
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	36,947.77
Byron L. Loomis School Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,423.48
Henry W. Warner Fund	5,638.82
Helen E. James School Fund	3,876.74
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	\$123,328.86
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NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$237,500.00
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	\$237,500.00
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Water Main, South Street Water Extension Loan	\$3,500.00
Water Main, Sanatorium Extension Loan	2,000.00

Underground Water Supply Loan	17,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School Loan	195,000.00
Helen E. James Remodeling Loan	20,000.00
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	\$237,500.00
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Assessors' Report

The method for computing the tax rate for the year 1956 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	\$268,747.79
Taken from available funds	
in 1956	50,837.63
Winter Roads Overdraft	3,409.47
Emergency Flood Overdraft	5,267.35
State Parks and Reservations	260.85
State Audit	65.17
County Tax	10,977.32
Overlay of current year	12,459.26
Gross Amount to be raised	————— \$352,024.34
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:	
Income Tax	\$26,703.19
Corporation Taxes	6,245.47
Reimbursement of Publicly	
Owned Land	112.08
Old Age Tax	682.43
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise Tax	14,225.00
Licenses	4,000.00
Fines	50.00
Protection of Persons and Property	25.00
Health and Sanitation	100.00
Charities	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00
Veterans' Services	300.00
Schools	16,000.00
Public Service Enterprises	11,650.00
Interest: on Taxes and	
Assessments	400.00

State Assistance for School Construction	8,900.00
Flood Reimbursements—90%	4,740.61

Total Estimated Receipts	\$110,133.78
Overestimates of Previous year to be used as Available Funds:	
State Parks and Reservations	\$39.24
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	60,837.63

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$171,010.65
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property:	
Polls, 523 @ \$2.00	\$1,046.00
Total Value Personal Property	
\$207,973.00 @ \$90.00	18,717.57
Total Value Real Estate	
\$1,791,668.00 @ \$90.00	161,250.12

Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$181,013.69
Total Amount of 1956 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to Collector	\$181,013.69

Assessors' Report

The preceding computation is the method prescribed by law to compute the rate per thousand of assessed valuations as determined by the assessors.

All appropriations made at town meetings during the year, plus the assessments imposed on the town by the state department through the "Cherry Sheet" are first totalled. From this, the total anticipated receipts, credits from the "Cherry Sheet" and amounts taken from available funds, are deducted. The net amount to be raised by local taxation is applied to the assessed values to prorate the expenses of the town to each citizen in accordance with the value of taxable property in his or her possession on January 1 of the year of assessment.

We, as assessors, have this year seen the start of a long range program to apportion the expenses of the town to the assessed value of property on a scientific basis. The following months will see the completion of the tax maps, (forming the basis of the amount of land owned by the taxpayers), and the completion of the appraisal of land and buildings with estimated value of each parcel.

During the coming months, each taxpayer in the Town of Williamsburg will be notified as to the new assessed value being placed upon each parcel of property. These revised values are expected to be used as of January 1, 1958.

We wish to thank the townspeople for their cooperation with the J. M. Cleminshaw Company representative when he called at their home.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE, Chairman
JOSEPH M. DYMERSKI
RUTH T. MONGEAU
Board of Assessors

Report of Water Commissioners

Early this year, the cleaning of the Unquemont reservoir, repairs to the access road and enlargement of the spillway were completed. In early February we were able to shut down the pump and use reservoir water again.

As the Department had received a petition to extend the Goshen Road main an additional 2,600 feet, a survey was made by Tighe and Bond on January 20th. Due to low pressure and elevation this proposed extension was disapproved by Tighe and Bond as unfeasible at this time. The problem of supplying this area is the old familiar problem that has blocked the further extension of mains to the Village Hill area, elevations greater than that of the distribution reservoir.

An extension of the Petticoat Hill main for a distance of 370 feet was completed in August. This extension was laid under the authority of Article 38, as voted by the Town at the last annual Town Meeting. This extension is supported by a legal contract with water users in this extension, allowing and guaranteeing a special assessment for this service until their proportionate share has been paid.

Two Holyoke hydrants were replaced this year. The hydrant on East Main Street which has given the Department trouble for several years due to a badly worn valve, was discontinued. An additional reason for discontinuing this hydrant was its poor location. With the full approval of the Fire Department, a new Chapman steamer hydrant was installed at the junction of North and West Main Streets. The Board has been aware of comment regarding this leaking hydrant and would like to explain their position in this report.

First, at no time while this hydrant was leaking, was it necessary to operate the pump to maintain pressure or supply. Second, the Board felt it to be wiser to leave this hydrant, though leaking, available for fire fighting, if needed, until the new hydrant had been installed.

The Holyoke hydrant at the end of the Nash Hill Road main was also removed for similar reasons. A new Chapman hydrant was installed at this point and slightly relocated to a better position, with regard to the road and traffic.

The third Holyoke hydrant removed, and in this case discontinued, was on North Street. This hydrant, half on the sidewalk and half on the road, was a hazard to traffic and had been damaged several times. With the new Chapman hydrant installed a few yards away and with full approval of the Fire Department, this hydrant was removed and discontinued.

As mentioned in our last report, the Holyoke hydrants on our system have all reached the retirement age. Each year new difficulties are encountered in stuck or leaking valves which cannot be repaired. It is of primary importance that each year these old hydrants be replaced as funds will allow.

As you have no doubt noticed, the current water bills have been revised both in form and information. One revision enables the Town Secretary to type the bills faster and the other gives you the current rates and some of the basic regulations.

In addition to the routine work of the department, 10 new entrances were installed and 4 old entrances renewed.

The request for meters continued this year as last and 27 new meters were installed. We believe this is one of the most important phases of the department's work and will eventually, as in every town or city that has metered

all water, bring about a considerable reduction in the senseless waste of water, especially during the dry summer months. This in turn will reduce the cost of pumping, which due to demand, is increasing each year.

The storage facilities and the watershed run-off are not limitless. Although the storage reservoir was filled to capacity in February and maintained that level until late June, as early as May 29th, it was necessary to put the electric pump in operation for about 12 hours a day to maintain pressure at all points in the system due to the storage and heavy demand. As early as June 30th the feeder brooks to the storage reservoir were reduced to a mere trickle due to lack of rain. By August 30th, due to the high demand and lack of rain, it was necessary to put the pump in operation on a 24 hour basis, as the storage reservoir had reached a level beyond which, as a reserve factor, it would be unwise to go.

The lack of rain in this area is quite well pointed up if we compare the actual as against the normal for the months of May, June, July and August, University of Massachusetts official records.

	Normal Actual			Normal Actual	
May	3.60	2.02	June	2.75	2.86
July	4.10	2.90	August	4.08	2.71

A total of 36,231,800 gallons were pumped during the year.

We believe it imperative that the water surplus account be increased and maintained at a high level in anticipation of future expenditures, certain to be necessary in a water system as old as ours. It is with this in mind that measures have been taken to effect the payment of delinquent accounts during the past year. These measures will be continued in the coming year. As your elected Commissioners we assure you that the prompt payment of your water rents will be greatly appreciated by us.

In closing this report, we especially call to your attention a regulation of this department which reads:

"The Board of Water Commissioners reserves the right at all times to shut off water temporarily without notice for repairs, extensions, or other necessary work connected with the system. All persons having boilers on their premises not fitted with check valves or other safety devices, or not supplied through tanks, are notified that neither the Town nor the Water Commissioners, nor their agents or servants, will be responsible for damage resulting from the shutting off of water."

The collection of water rents and the secretarial work of the department have been very capably handled by our Town Secretary. We sincerely thank her for her cooperation and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. DAMON, JR.,
Chairman

BERTRAM W. CLARKE

GEORGE M. CHILDS

Report of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Labor, chainsaw and truck cutting and disposal of trees, etc,	\$429.00
Herbert Kellogg	162.00
Paul Waite	86.00
Robert Loomis	80.25
Wilbur Loomis	47.50
Harry Warner, Jr.	42.75
Fred Dewey	20.00
Henry Warner	15.00
Allen Sylvester	10.00
Cecil Loomis, Jr.	7.50
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	\$900.00

Number of trees cut 16

Storm damaged limbs removed.

Seven trees were topped by utility companies at no expense to the town.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Labor \$9.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Uhlig Tree Service	\$312.00
Labor	15.00
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	\$327.00

Samples were obtained from 5 elm trees and four of these were found to be diseased. At the present time, two have been removed. The town has been found to be heavily infested with Dutch Elm Disease. The cooperation of the townspeople is asked in removing any dead elms on their property to prevent the spread of this disease.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY

Tree Warden

Library Report

Mrs. Albert Mosher, Jr., assumed the duties of librarian at the beginning of the year at which time Mrs. Sanderson helped in going over the books and discarding many unused and worn out ones.

This fall, an oil burner was installed in the furnace. This has been appreciated not only on Friday nights but also on election days. It has meant, too, that we could dispense with the services of the janitor, such services as necessary being assumed by the librarian.

Books added in 1956	34
Books discarded	86
Books on hand	3,113
Circulation	3,309
Fines	\$12.13

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA FRASER

MAUDE SANDERSON

LULA SMITH

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health Submits the Following Report for the Year January 1, 1956 - December 31, 1956:

The Garbage Collection was handled by Fred Dewey who has maintained a very excellent record of collecting.

The Rubbish Collection was handled by Edward Crotty who has done an excellent job in both villages.

All places of business serving food, liquors, ice cream and soft drinks to the public were inspected and found to be in very clean and sanitary condition.

Our Barn Animal and Slaughter Inspector has maintained his excellent record .

The Town Dump has been well kept and we are pleased to report that we have had no complaints and only one fire call this past year.

We eliminated the Well-Child Clinic this past year because of the vaccine program which was held in three clinics. The first clinic was held in May and included children from six months up to the sixth grade and pregnant mothers. The second clinic (a second injection) was given just before the schools opened. The third, which then included children to the high school group, was given in November. A total of over 850 vaccine shots has been given by the Doctors at these clinics.

BERNARD A. REARDON

DR. JOSEPH R. HOBBS

MRS. MARGARET MADISON

Board of Health

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and holidays.

Twenty-two accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Twelve persons received injuries (two fatal).

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Three licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of Chief.

One patient taken to the Cooley Dickinson Hospital by Police.

Three patients taken to the State Hospital by Police.

Sixty-eight various complaints received by the Police.

Four stray dogs hit by cars (one was killed), (three destroyed).

Seven dogs having owners, reported hit by cars (two were killed), (two not found), (two found all right), (one taken to veterinary, later destroyed).

Thirty-one summons served for outside departments.

Twenty-four complaints taken before District Court.

Drunkenness	7
Operating under influence	1
Leaving scene after property damage	2
Driving after suspension	2
Speeding	2

No sticker	1
No license	1
Allowing improper person	1
Driving left of center line	1
Failure to support	2
Delinquents	4
	—
	24

Twenty-two persons pleaded or were found guilty.

Two dismissed, requested by the Commonwealth (all males).

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

During the year of 1956, this department has operated with two companies. No. 1 in Williamsburg and No. 2 in Haydenville.

Patrick Larkin of Haydenville was appointed Assistant Chief and Lester Wells of Williamsburg as Captain.

There were 40 calls answered as follows:

- 7 House Fires
- 3 Chimney Fires
- 3 Vehicle Fires
- 10 Grass and Forest Fires
- 6 Haydenville Dump Fires
- 8 Miscellaneous calls, accidents, etc.
- 3 False Alarms

Fire training drills were held in Williamsburg weekly weather permitting.

Four new mud and snow tires were purchased for the Haydenville Truck. 300 feet of fire hose and 150 feet of booster hose has been purchased to replace that which becomes unserviceable.

The addition to the Williamsburg Fire Station was completed with the inside work being done entirely by the Williamsburg Fire Fighters. This station now houses Engine 1 and the tanker.

Our present fire truck was made up by The Sanford Motor Truck Company using a Reo chassis. The San-

ford Company no longer manufactures fire apparatus making replacement parts impossible to obtain. While Reo trucks are still available it is doubtful that repair parts for a 1937 chassis would be obtainable or readily available. This engine could therefore be out of service for an undeterminable amount of time leaving the village without sufficient fire protection.

The New England Fire Insurance Rating Association, in a letter dated December 27, 1956 to this department, has recommended we replace Engine 1 with a new pumping engine, to replace the one purchased in November of 1937. From tests conducted on this engine in April, 1955, it was found that the unit barely met the rated requirements for fire apparatus. The Rating Association also states that once a piece of equipment has reached the age of 20 years and cannot meet rated requirements, they are warranted in removing credit for said truck. This means increased fire insurance rates to the town.

Modern pumper trucks with higher pressures, more horse power, larger water tanks, etc. could give the town much better and needed fire protection.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the men in this department for their excellent cooperation and willingness during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON
Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen
Town of Williamsburg

Following is the financial statement for the year 1956:
Receipts

Nurse's collections	\$495.50
Expenditures	
Gas for nurse's car	\$289.04
Old Age Tax paid for nurse	26.50
Supplies for nurse's use	2.08
Pair of full length bed sides for hospital bed	26.46
Nurse's salary	\$1,325.00
Less Old Age Tax withheld	150.70
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	\$1,174.30
Taxes forwarded to Gov't	150.70
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	\$1,325.00
Less Town Appro- priation	1,000.00
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	\$325.00

Total Expenditures	\$669.08
Excess of expenditures over receipts	<hr/> \$173.58

Respectfully submitted,

ALTHEA H. MARKS

Treasurer

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Board of Selectmen
Town of Williamsburg

Dear Sirs:

During 1956, this department adjusted and inspected 120 weights and measures.

Paid Town Treasurer in Fees	\$54.85
Equipment (Hobbs & Warren, Inc.)	3.86
Labor and Transportation	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK TAYLOR

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Special Committee on Milton Rice Property Damage Claim

Board of Selectmen

Williamsburg, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with a vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting of February, 1955, at which the Moderator was authorized to appoint this Committee, we make the following report:

Your Committee met one evening during the summer of 1956 at the place where the damage was claimed to be,, which was across the brook from the Ashfield Road (so-called) just outside of the Village of Williamsburg.

It was determined that the damage was slight, due to the fact that in the process of widening the highway, the brook which runs between the Milton Rice property and the Highway had to be partially relocated which necessitated the taking of a small amount of land due to changing of the border line of the brook on the Milton Rice side of the brook.

However, due to the fact that when the Town or anyone else takes something of value away from anyone, that party is entitled to remuneration for the same; and the

majority of this Committee feels that due to the location of the land taken, the value or damage does not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). We therefore recommend this amount be paid to Mr. Milton Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON B. SANDERSON
Appraiser for the Town of Williamsburg

JEAN E. HEMENWAY
Appraiser for Milton Rice

MAJ.-GEN. LUNSFORD E. OLIVER
Appraiser selected by the other
two appraisers

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

of the

Town of Williamsburg

For The

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth Sherk, Chairman	1959
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Secretary	1957
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway	1959
Mr. Erol Bowie	1958
Mr. Norman Graves	1958

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

J. Walter Richard
Office, Anne T. Dunphy School

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ferrante, 48 Meadow St., Florence

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Miss Olive Healy, West Chesterfield

SPECIAL READING TEACHER

Mrs. Jean Snow, Williamsburg

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg
Dr. Ruth Hemenway, Williamsburg

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Ruth McAvoy, Williamsburg

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg

Charles Sabo, Williamsburg

MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETING

At call of Superintendent

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Mrs. Evelyn Kmit, Williamsburg

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. Colony 8-4421

Principal, Edmond J. Houle: Social Studies, General
Math.
Williamsburg

Mrs. Anne Belck: Science
Goshen

Robert Branch: U. S. History, Math.
61 Meadow St., Florence

Mrs. Anna B. Curtis: Arithmetic, English, Reading
grades 7 & 8
Chesterfield

Miss Martha Dickerman: Arithmetic, Social Studies,
Health 7 & 8
Williamsburg

Jame Fleming: Latin, Ancient History
110 Little St., Springfield

Henry Hmielecki: Science, Health, grades 7 & 8
Williamsburg

- Miss Maria Lovechio: English, Speech
81 Edgeland St., Springfield
- Mrs. Marie Thomas: English, Speech, Civics
Haydenville
- Earl F. Tonet: French, Social Studies, Driver Education,
Physical Education, Coach
387 Florence Rd., Northampton.
- Mrs. Joanne Wolff: Social Studies, English, Reading,
grades 7 & 8
Amherst Rd., Sunderland
- Miss Mary Anton: Special Class
15 Cherry St., Easthampton
- N. Deming Hoyt: Adjustment Counselor
213 Crescent St., Northampton

ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL

Tel. COlony 8-7770

- Principal, Edith D. Foster, Williamsburg, Grade 6
- Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, Williamsburg, Grade 5
- Mrs. Eleanor Soden, 16 Massasoit St., Northampton,
Grade 4
- Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn, Williamsburg, Grade 3
- Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, Haydenville, Grade 2
- Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton, Williamsburg, Grade 1

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

Tel. COlony 8-4912

- Principal, Margaret Trainor, Haydenville, Grade 6
- Mrs. Marion Hickey, Haydenville, Grade 5
- Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, Haydenville, Grade 4

Mrs. Ruth Nash, Williamsburg, Grade 3

Mrs. Doris Tilley, Williamsburg, Grade 2

Miss Mary Crampton, Haydenville, Grade 1

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1956

	5-7	7-16	16 Yrs. or over	
Haydenville				
Boys	25	91	8	
Girls	20	86	5	
	—	—	—	
Total	45	177	13	235
Williamsburg				
Boys	31	118	11	
Girls	20	97	14	
	—	—	—	
Total	51	215	25	291
Combined Total	96	392	38	526

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957-1958

Tuesday, September 3, 1957	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 1957	Schools Open
Friday, October 4, 1957	School Closed—Franklin County Teachers' Convention
Monday, November 11, 1957	Schools Closed — Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 27, 1957	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 2, 1957	Schools open
Friday, December 20, 1957	Schools close at regular time for Christmas Holiday

1958

Thursday, January 2, 1958	Schools open
Friday, February 21, 1958	Schools close at regular time for Winter Vacation
Monday, March 3, 1958	Schools open
Friday, April 4, 1958	Schools Closed — Good Friday
Friday, April 18, 1959	School close at regular time for Spring Vacation
Monday, April 28, 1958	Schools open
Friday, May 30, 1958	Schools closed — Memorial Day
Friday, June 13, 1958	Elementary Schools Close for Summer Vacation
Thursday, June 19, 1958	High School Graduation
Friday, June 20, 1958	High School Closes
Elementary School	179 days
High School	184 days

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

1956

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources \$152,537.42

Income on Account of Schools

1. General School Fund \$31,946.09
 2. Transportation Reimbursement
Chapter 679 5,460.50
 3. Smith's School Reimbursement 3,931.61
 4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield,
Goshen, Westhampton, Plain-
field 9,110.95

5. Supt. Reimbursement	1,400.00
6. State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	1,211.73
7. Special Class Reimbursement	1,411.76
8. Cash Sent to Treasurer	98.49
Total Income	54,571.13
Net Expenditures from Local Taxation	\$97,966.29

Report of School Committee

To the Townspeople of Williamsburg

Greetings:

The School system and the town received two grievous blows during the year. The first was the loss of Anne T. Dunphy who had served long years as Principal of our high school. Throughout the years of teaching, she put her high ideals into practice. She was the rock upon which our high school was built. The second was the loss of Lucius A. Merritt, our esteemed Superintendent. For years, he had led our system toward better educational service and higher goals. Both of these people had spent their professional lives in the service of the youth of this community. They are shining examples of dedicated educators. May a small part of their reward lie in the affection with which their memory remains in the hearts of their students and associates.

The committee, comprising Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Messrs. Erol Bowie, Norman Graves and Kenneth Sherk, met and organized with Kenneth Sherk as Chairman and Eleanor Mansfield as Secretary. Far more than the usual number of meetings were held to cope with problems arising from the losses mentioned above and the repairs to the Helen E. James building.

Routine maintenance of the buildings has been kept up and major renovations have been made in the high school building. These include a change from coal to oil heating, replacement of the plumbing, renovation of the lavatories, repairs to the roof and the installation of a new electric service entrance and panel which almost

doubles the electrical power available to the building. Community use of the school buildings has continued in both villages. The committee would like to see this use expanded under proper arrangements of supervision and control. We are grateful to the Gerald E. Larkin Post of the American Legion for making their hall available to the Haydenville pupils for physical education purposes.

We have continued the acquisition of more up-to-date books and the replacement of obsolete school furniture and typewriters. We need an audiometer and equipment and facilities for our science courses.

We have improved our high school program by the addition of ancient history and speech to the curriculum and the programs in the other grades by an increase in the availability of art, music, remedial reading and physical education. Penmanship is now taught by our own teachers, the outside supervisor having been dropped.

The Committee, after making a thorough survey of the field and interviewing many candidates, elected Mr. Edmond Houle to be Principal of the high school. Our committee agreed with the other towns of School Union No. 55 to appoint Mr. J. Walter Richard as Acting Superintendent. The special class required by state law has been put into operation. In conjunction with the towns of Worthington and Westhampton, we have taken advantage of the state aid contained in a recently enacted law and appointed Mr. N. Deming Hoyt as School Adjustment Counselor. We are pleased with his work and the resulting benefits to our system.

The number of pupils entering our high school was significantly higher this year. We continue to draw a number of students from nearby towns. These help to make our Junior-Senior High School less expensive and broader in educational opportunity.

We finished the year with something over seven hundred dollars which is turned back to the Town. We re-

ceived a total of \$45, 361.69 from all sources. This money reverts to the Town.

We wish to express our thanks to the P.T.A. and all other parents, individuals and agencies who have helped contribute to the improvement, both physical and educational, of our school system .

KENNETH W. SHERK

For the School Committee

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the fifty-fifth since the original school union was formed. There have been four reports since Union #55 was formed.

A very effective change in the Williamsburg Schools was the new type of written report sent to parents of elementary school children during this year. Teachers met several times to study and evaluate current methods of reporting throughout the country. These were obtained through the National Education Association. A Report of Progress was finally chosen and presented to the school committee for adoption. We feel that this revision makes a pupil's progress in school more detailed and more individual. These written reports are sent four times a year with the continuance of Parent-Teacher conferences in the Fall.

In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 76, amended in 1954 by Chapter 514, the School Committee elected Miss Mary Anton on January 25 as teacher of the special class for mentally retarded pupils. This class is located in the Helen E. James School and at present all pupils are of elementary school age. The expense of this class is shared by the Division of Special Education.

In February we were saddened by the death of Miss Anne T. Dunphy, Principal and teacher of the Helen E. James School. Mrs. Frances Grinnell was elected as Acting Principal for the remainder of the school year.

The Massachusetts Elementary Principals' Conference held in Amherst each year was attended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Elementary Supervisor and the Principals of the Anne T. Dunphy and the Haydenville Schools.

At the Union #55 School Committee Meeting held in Easthampton this past year, Mr. Lucius A. Merritt was re-elected for a three-year term. Mr. J. Walter Richard, Elementary Supervisor, was elected as Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Elementary Education. The position of adjustment counselor for the Union was discussed and it was felt that such a person could not possibly serve the five towns effectively. Action was postponed until a later meeting.

It was recommended at this meeting by the Elementary Supervisor that some days be set aside periodically when teachers on different grade levels could meet to discuss common problems, evaluate new techniques and share views in regard to common aims in education. It was also felt that a planned physical education program from grades 1 through 8, by a trained person, would improve the present school curriculum. A part-time instructor for this position was requested.

Three teachers were placed on tenure in the Williamsburg schools this year. Mrs. Eleanor Soden and Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom of the Anne T. Dunphy School and Mrs. Lula Smith of the Helen E. James School. Mrs. Evelyn Kmit was hired on a part-time basis to teach junior-senior high school physical education at this meeting, to start in September.

In September, Dr. Deming Hoyt of Northampton joined our staff to act as adjustment counselor for the towns of Williamsburg, Westhampton and Worthington. Mr. Hoyt comes to us very well qualified in both teaching and guidance work. He completed his undergraduate work at Co-

lumbia University and received his doctorate at Harvard University.

The position of adjustment counselor was initiated by the Massachusetts Department of Education for the purpose of counselling and helping children in the primary and elementary grades who are referred to him by a teacher, principal or other school personnel. The adjustment counselor is also to establish "helpful and kindly relationships with the home in the interest of all children in school, to enlist the interest and help of clergymen and other local leaders" and to serve as a referral agent. With these duties in mind, one can readily see that it would be physically impossible to serve all five towns adequately. Williamsburg is fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Hoyt.

Other new members added to our staff this year to carry on our educational program are Mr. James Fleming of Springfield, teacher of Latin and Ancient History, Miss Ann Sullivan, high school secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Ferrante, Art Supervisor, and Mrs. Ruth McAvoy as school nurse.

Based on a recommendation made in April at the Union Meeting, it was decided to follow through with a workshop conference for all teachers in Union #55. The Massachusetts Department of Education was contacted in September with a request for assistance in obtaining speakers, consultants, and in helping to determine the curriculum areas in which teachers would benefit most. All teachers submitted suggestions and it was decided to concentrate on individual differences as applied in the Language Arts.

Miss Margaret Shea, State Supervisor of Elementary Education, was most helpful with all aspects of the conference. This was held on November 13th. We were fortunate in obtaining two outstanding speakers, Dr. Elizabeth Foster of Worcester State Teachers College and Dr.

Charles Gadaire of American International College. Teachers evaluated the conference as excellent, mainly because their specific problems had been dealt with. It is our hope to continue the practice in future years.

Many of our teachers have taken courses for professional improvement throughout the past year. These courses were taken in the field of Drama, Science, Children's Literature, Audio-Visual Aids and Reading. We are fortunate in having teachers who feel that further study is needed if they are to meet the ever increasing needs of a rapidly changing society.

Through the courtesy and cooperation of F. N. Graves & Son, Inc., who again have donated to the School Department a dual control car, our driver education course has been offered in the high school under the supervision of Mr. Earl Tonet. This course is offered as an elective to students. To comply with the standards set by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and the National Educational Association, a minimum of twenty hours must be given in classroom instruction, a minimum of six hours in behind-the-wheel driving and a minimum of six hours in observation. Mr. Tonet informs me that 75 students have been trained, licensed and certified since 1952, with 22 additional students enrolled at the present time.

The cafeteria at the Anne T. Dunphy School operated very successfully under the direction of Mrs. Helen Wells, assisted by Miss Neva Nash, Mrs. Grace Wells, Mrs. Alice Dion and Mrs. Charlotte Nye. Mrs. Wells reports the daily average lunches served are as follows: Junior High 55; Senior High 84; Anne T. Dunphy School 93; Haydenville School 33; adults 18.

It was voted to increase the days spent by Miss Healy, Music Supervisor. She is now conducting a three day week program. Miss Healy visits all elementary classes each week, carrying on a program of grade work in theory, song and music appreciation. The junior high

division has two music periods a week in which graded work, ensemble and part singing take place. Senior high students may elect Girls Glee Club for which credit is given.

The Glee Club furnished music last spring at graduation and made their customary fine appearance at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival. Two of our students were accepted for the Choral Division of the All-State Festival at Pittsfield, and one girl in the orchestral division. Our school orchestra meets once a week with several new members added this year.

Mr. Edmond Houle was chosen as Principal of the Helen E. James School. He comes to us well qualified, having served as high school principal, teacher and coach of basketball, baseball and track.

In June, Mr. Peter Ball, science teacher, left the high school to accept a similar position at Agawam High School. He was replaced by Mrs. Ann Sabo Belck of Goshen, an alumna of Williamsburg High. Mrs. Lula Smith resigned as teacher of English and was replaced by Mrs. Marie Thomas of Haydenville.

Of importance during this past year was the new law in Massachusetts which requires that public school teachers receive at least \$3,000 per year. This did not affect Williamsburg teachers as all teachers were making at least this amount. Prior to this bill, minimums were set as follows: \$2,300 a year in towns of less than \$2,500,000 total valuation and \$2,500 in the larger towns and cities.

Our school health program was conducted by Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Ruth Hemenway as school physicians, Dr. Glade Hall as school dentist and Mrs. Barbara Swanda and Mrs. Ruth McAvoy as school nurses.

Williamsburg was saddened by the death of Mr. Lucius A. Merritt in September. During the past three months, as Acting Superintendent, I have tried to maintain those

standards set by Mr. Merritt who so faithfully served the town of Williamsburg for 36 years.

I greatly appreciate the help and cooperation of the teachers, the School Committee, and other personnel of the Williamsburg Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WALTER RICHARD

Acting Supt. of Schools

Report of School Nurse

Mr. J. Walter Richard
Acting Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Richard:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for the period from September 5, 1956 through December 31, 1956.

The school physicians, Doctors Hemenway and Hobbs were assisted with physical examinations in the Williamsburg and Haydenville Schools. 224 defects were noted. Parents have been notified of any condition requiring attention.

A very high percentage of pupils having flat feet were discovered during these examinations. An attempt is being made by the physical education department to remedy this situation.

471 children were examined via the Mass. Vision Test. The total number of children who failed the retest was 22. 26 referrals to eye specialists have been made. 4 of these were remedial reading pupils who passed the school vision test. It was felt however, that these children might benefit from the more detailed examination of an eye specialist.

Salk vaccine has been available and clinics held at proper intervals during this period by Doctors Hemenway and Hobbs. In view of the fact that free vaccine will

not be available for children this age when the school year ends in 1957, response has been somewhat disappointing.

The only outbreak of infectious disease, German Measles, was averted by Christmas vacation. Four cases only have come to my attention.

Two junior high school girls have been referred to State Orthopedic Clinics for attention to back injuries. There have been no major accidents at school during the year.

Inspection of eating habits in the cafeterias has been checked periodically. Parents have been notified of pupils who consistently show poor eating habits. Lunches carried from home have been of excellent nutritional quality, with a few exceptions.

The usual height-weight, classroom and sanitary inspection were held during the year.

At the beginning of the school year, dogs on the school grounds were a threat to the children. A boy in Haydenville was bitten. I like to think that a notice in the newspaper caused the quick disappearance of the dogs but perhaps it was the cold weather.

I wish to thank the School Board, Mr. Richard, the teachers, parents, and townspeople for their fine cooperation during my first year as School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. McAVOY, R. N.

School Nurse

Report of Physical Education Program

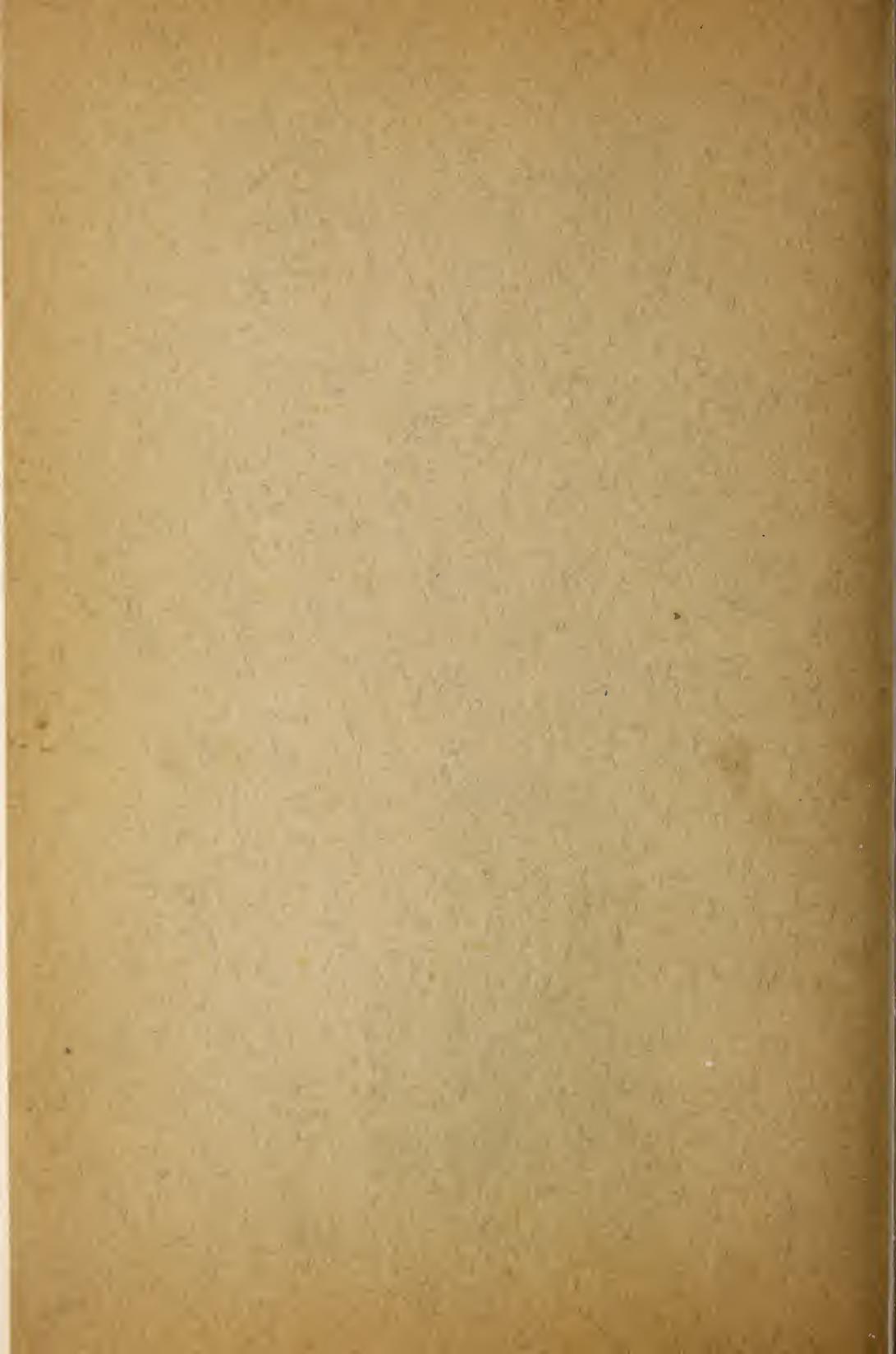
The physical education program which was instituted in the junior-senior high school last year was enlarged this year to include grades 1 through 6 in the Williamsburg and Haydenville Schools.

Classes in Williamsburg are conducted on the playground and in the gymnasium and in Haydenville on the playground and in the Legion Hall. The aim of the program in the lower grades is to develop basic motor skills in throwing, catching, running, skipping, marching, and rhythms. In the middle grades, use is made of these same skills in relay races, simple team games, and folk dances. In the upper grades, skills are accented in team play, marching drills, and individual sports such as jumping or sprinting. Good sportsmanship and good attitudes toward group participation, as well as mastery of basic skills are included in grading each child.

Each class also participates weekly in a short period of body-building exercises, to strengthen little-used muscles and promote good posture and health.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN R. KMIT



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MASSACHUSETTS**

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

Town Officers

as of December 31, 1957

Selectmen :

Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Chairman	1958
Frank P. Paul	1960
Carl M. Hemenway	1959

Town Clerk :

Charles W. Wells	1958
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Town Treasurer :

Anna E. Watson	1958
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Assessors :

Edwin C. Breckenridge, Chairman	1958
Joseph M. Dymerski	1960
Ruth T. Mongeau	1959

Tax Collector :

Barbara W. Swanda	1958
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Elector, Oliver Smith Will

Merton Bickford	1958
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School Committee :

Kenneth Sherk, Chairman	1959
Eleanor Mansfield	1960
Eleanor Ballway (Resigned)	1959
Erol Bowie	1958
Norman F. Graves	1958

Constables :

Charles H. Cross	1958
Vardic Golash	1958

Board of Health :

Bernard Reardon, Chairman	1960
Joseph R. Hobbs, M.D.	1958
Margaret L. Madison	1959

Water Commissioners :

Charles M. Damon, Jr., Chairman	1958
Bertram W. Clarke	1960
George H. Childs	1959

Tree Warden :

David L. Dewey	1958
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Trustees of Haydenville Library :

Mrs. Lula Smith	1959
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1958
Viola J. Fraser	1960

Trust Fund Commissioners :

Frederick L. Smith	1959
Donald S. Outhuse	1960
Richard Graves (to fill unexpired term)	1958

Recreation Committee :

Barbara Hathaway	1960
Albert Mosher, Jr.	1958
Henry F. Hmielecki (resigned)	1959

Moderator :

John Breguet	1958
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Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 11, 1957 as follows: Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Chairman, Frank P. Paul, Clerk; and Carl M. Hemenway, Chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

Our Highway Superintendent, Harry Warner, Jr., has done an excellent job on our highways in the past year.

During the year, all planned projects were completed. However, we are sorry to report that if the plan to complete 2000 feet of secondary roads is to continue we will need additional funds. It is impossible to do this with the regular Chapter 81 Maintenance Account because many of the present hard surface roads are in need of sealing and resurfacing and many gravel roads need a light dressing of good quality gravel.

There are many drainage problems on both hard surface and gravel roads that should have immediate attention.

Seventy percent of Depot Road Bridge was completed during the year 1957 and we hope to finish it this year. The second bridge on Depot Road has had the abutments faced, steel beams and planks have been installed plus a new railing. We replanked Bullard Bridge and replanked and installed new railings on Hemenway Bridge plus the regular maintenance and patching on all other bridges. We have asked for more funds in this

account because we feel it is necessary to put in at least one or possibly two permanent maintenance free bridges each year to place them in good condition.

Warner Brothers of Sunderland, with Chapter 90 Funds, installed a very fine steel beam, concrete decked bridge in Haydenville replacing the old Library Bridge.

Chapter 90 Construction was decreased as some of the money was used towards the Library Bridge but we were able to install drainage and gravel to grade from the ending point in 1956 to the junction of Conway and Ashfield Road.

The Highway Department would like to express its thanks to the fire and water departments for their co-operation in helping with drainage problems and the Board of Selectmen wish to thank all the departments and the town secretary for their fine cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR.
FRANK P. PAUL
CARL M. HEMENWAY

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health, all for a term of three years. To elect two School Committee members for a term of two years and one School Committee member for one year. To elect one Tax Collector, one Trustee of Haydenville Library, one Trust Fund Commissioner, all for a term of three years. To elect two Recreation Commissioners, one for a term of three years and one for a term of one year.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund. *moderator*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,578.02 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$5,147.68 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1957 to the Truck and Tractor Maintenance Account of 1958.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen together with the Chairmen of the Board of Assessors and the Board of Water Commissioners, to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from March 1, 1958 to February 28, 1959, who shall be provided with an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of twenty hours per week throughout the year, that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Chairmen of the Departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will empower the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water Commissioners and Board of Assessors to appoint their own members to other town positions, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,628.83 being the balance of the new elementary school construction fund to the Anne T. Dunphy School Bond payment of 1958, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,010.00 to pay the principal of \$25,000.00 on the Anne T. Dunphy School Loan and \$2,000.00 for the Helen E. James remodeling loan, and the interest of \$2,380.00 for the Anne T. Dunphy School Loan and \$630.00 on the Helen E. James remodeling loan, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,545.00 to purchase a sander for the Highway Department, or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for the rent of the grader for one year, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 to purchase a four-wheel drive truck for the highway department, and empower the Selectmen to trade in one of the present trucks, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30.68, being the balance of the new truck purchase of 1955, to the Truck and Tractor Maintenance Account of 1958, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$5,974.92, the amount of \$2,987.46 to be used from sums granted under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956 and the sum of \$2,987.46 to be raised by taxation, to be used for new construction on Old Goshen Road, Williamsburg and Adams Road, Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee, to consist of the Highway Superintendent, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Water Repartment, the Fire Chief, and three other persons, to look into possible sites for a town building, said committee to report at a special or next annual town meeting, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176.00 to pay Allan A. Vogel, D.V.M., for board of two dogs whose owner was committed to the State Hospital, or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Trustees acting under the terms of a deed from Fannie Winchell, and to maintain the principal of said fund, and to use the income in accordance with any decree entered by the Hampshire County Probate Court as a result of the petition filed by the Trustees, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 32B of the General Laws authorizing any County, City, Town or District to provide a plan of Group Life Insurance, Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, and Group General or Blanket Hospital, Surgical and Medical Insurance for certain persons in the service of such County, City, Town or District and their dependents, or take any other action thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide a plan of Group Life Insurance, Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, and Group General or Blanket Hospital, Surgical and Medical Insurance for certain persons in the service of the town and their dependents, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,128.75 for the purpose of maintaining and operating, including debt and interest charges for the Water Department for the year 1958, and to meet said appropriations the sum of \$6,128.75 to be appropriated from water surplus, and the sum of \$12,000.00 to be appropriated from water revenue of 1958, or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase the town dump, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee of five consisting of the Assistant Fire Chief, two members of the fire department and two disinterested persons, to obtain a land site, plans, specifications and costs for a new fire station in Haydenville and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of this committee, or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to provide radio equipment for the Fire Department and Civil Defense, to be purchased under Civilian Defense matching funds as set up by the Federal Government, or take any other action thereon.

Report of Finance Committee

Please refer to the Town Accountant's report where you will find listed the transfers from the Reserve Fund which we made to cover deficiencies in various departments during the year 1957.

We refer you to the pages of the Town Report wherein is listed the Budget Requests and our Recommendations for 1958. We urge every voter to study these figures.

The Finance Committee this year was faced with budget requests of almost \$25,000.00 higher than a year ago and with \$15,000.00 less in "Free Cash" to use to reduce taxation this year, we were obliged to make cuts wherever possible. Practically every request for more money could be justified but we have doubts about the taxpayers' ability to pay for all the things we would like to have done.

With the above in mind, we recommend a total budget as printed which is an increase to be raised by taxation of approximately \$12,884.00. \$9,795.00 of this increase is in the school budget which we cannot reduce.

On the brighter side, there is about a \$3,000.00 increase in the estimates of the reimbursements to be received from the State as shown on the Cherry Sheet and a \$3,600.00 balance from the school building fund which we believe can be appropriated for some other purpose this year.

There will be articles in the warrant asking for appropriations beyond the budget. The voters at Town Meeting will have to decide what is necessary for us to have

and our function is merely to show the overall financial picture and make recommendations.

We wish to thank all town officers for their fine co-operation and commend them for holding down over-drafts and requests for transfers from the Reserve Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE,
Chairman

MRS. HARRY POMEROY,
Clerk

MRS. HARRY WILLISTON

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

W. LEROY LEONARD

HANS L. NIETSCHE

MICHAEL O'BRIEN

ROLLO PURRINGTON

JOHN O. JONES

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1958

	1957 Approp.	1957 Expended	1958 Request	1958 Recom.
Moderator	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	304.34	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	40.00	15.00	75.00	50.00
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	4,040.00	319.34	4,075.00	4,050.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, Chairman	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Member	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Member	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	300.00	291.50	300.00	300.00
Advertising Notices	50.00	44.08	50.00	50.00
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	1,150.00	1,135.58	1,150.00	1,150.00
Treasurer				
Salary	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
Maintenance	400.00	396.41	400.00	400.00
Tax Title Expense	75.00	70.00	75.00	75.00
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	1,675.00	1,666.41	1,975.00	1,675.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Accountant				
Salary	750.00	750.00	900.00	900.00
Maintenance	150.00	149.61	150.00	150.00
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	900.00	899.61	1,050.00	1,050.00
Assessors				
Salaries	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Maintenance	250.00	233.18	250.00	250.00
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	800.00	783.18	800.00	800.00

Town Clerk				
Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	330.00	327.70	300.00	300.00
Elections and				
Registrations	300.00	252.00	600.00	600.00
Street Listings				
Chapter 51-5A	275.00	257.40	250.00	250.00
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	1,205.00	1,137.10	1,450.00	1,450.00
Tax Collector				
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Maintenance	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
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	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Town Secretary				
Salary and				
Maintenance	1,500.00	1,268.75	1,500.00	1,500.00
General Government				
Town Hall	325.00	229.33	300.00	300.00
Town Shed	150.00	128.18	150.00	150.00
Town Counsel	300.00	125.00	300.00	300.00
Sealer, Weights and				
Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00	1,181.75	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Clocks	125.00	84.42	125.00	125.00
Town Reports	400.00	424.32	450.00	450.00
Memorial Day	165.00	162.69	165.00	165.00
Wood Lot	12.00	9.30	12.00	12.00
Public Nuisance				
State Liability	300.00	299.81	500.00	500.00
Dutch Elm Control				
State Liability	750.00	438.25	570.66	570.66
Dutch Elm Control	350.00		350.00	
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	4,177.00	3,183.05	4,222.66	3,872.66
Recreation Committee				
Athletic Field	400.00	369.15	400.00	400.00
Recreation	100.00	77.19	100.00	100.00
Power Mower	200.00	250.00		
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	700.00	696.34	500.00	500.00

Police Department

Salaries	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Telephones	140.00	135.85	140.00	140.00
Special Police	100.00			
Equipment	150.00	302.92	100.00	100.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,382.35	1,850.00	1,850.00
School Traffic Patrol	1,000.00	993.60	1,000.00	1,000.00
	2,990.00	3,014.72	3,290.00	3,290.00

Fire Department

Salaries				
Chief	300.00	300.00	400.00	300.00
Deputy Chief	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Firefighters	175.00	165.00	175.00	175.00
Telephones and Electricity	800.00	954.01	975.00	975.00
Insurance	250.00	177.93	200.00	200.00
Labor at Fires	1,300.00	973.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel	600.00	562.28	600.00	600.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	650.65	1,000.00	1,000.00
New Equipment	500.00	988.48	500.00	500.00
Water Holes			200.00	200.00
Building Maintenance	400.00	582.15	500.00	400.00
Administration	75.00	41.46	50.00	50.00
	5,600.00	5,595.46	5,800.00	5,600.00

Highways

Chapter 81	3,150.00	3,150.90	3,150.00	3,150.00
Winter and General	12,000.00	11,955.54	12,000.00	12,000.00
Bridges and Railings	2,000.00	1,956.24	3,000.00	2,000.00
Sidewalk Repair	250.00	275.69	400.00	250.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,000.00	2,000.01	3,000.00	3,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.45	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tool Account	200.00	150.96	350.00	200.00
Street Lights	3,231.60	3,228.48	3,249.60	3,249.60
Chapter 718			2,987.46	
	23,831.60	23,718.27	29,137.06	24,849.60

Board of Health

Public Health	1,200.00	726.63	1,200.00	800.00
Barn and Animal				
Inspection	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Chairman's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dairy Inspection	75.00		75.00	75.00

Slaughter Inspection	100.00	20.00	120.00	50.00
Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish Collection	720.00	720.00	720.00	720.00
Well Child Clinic	350.00	225.00		
Dump Caretaker	700.00	624.00	520.00	520.00
Dump Maintenance	400.00	419.60	300.00	300.00
Administration	100.00	70.28	100.00	100.00
Garbage Collection	1,800.00	1,966.68	2,000.00	2,000.00
Immunization Clinic	300.00	225.00		
	6,105.00	5,357.19	5,395.00	4,925.00

Water Department				
Caretaker, Pumping				
Station	150.00			
Watershed	100.00			
Chlorinator	100.00			
Pipeline Maintenance	5,000.00	2,294.41	5,000.00	5,000.00
Watershed	3,800.00	41.35	3,800.00	3,800.00
Chlorinator Operation				500.00
Chlorinator Maintenance	1,000.00	479.09	1,200.00	1,200.00
Pumping Station				100.00
Maintenance				
Pumping Station				
Operation	2,000.00	2,029.79	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administration	200.00	226.24	200.00	200.00
South Street				
Extension Note	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Additional Water				
Supply Note	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Additional Water				
Supply Interest	360.00	360.00	315.00	315.00
Sanatorium				
Extension Note	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sanatorium				
Extension Interest	41.25	41.25	13.75	13.75
Storage Building,				
Tools and Equipment				1,500.00
	16,251.25	8,972.13	18,128.75	18,128.75

Public Welfare				
General Aid	2,500.00	169.60	2,000.00	1,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Disability Assistance	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Old Age Assistance	12,500.00	12,542.25	23,000.00	20,000.00
Agent's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
	24,700.00	22,411.85	31,700.00	27,200.00
Veterans' Benefits Assistance	3,500.00	2,469.48	3,500.00	3,500.00
Agent's Salary and Maintenance	325.00	313.03	440.45	440.45
	3,825.00	2,782.51	3,940.45	3,940.45
Civilian Defense Heat and Light Administration	100.00 50.00	13.00 50.00	50.00 50.00	50.00 50.00
	150.00	63.00	100.00	100.00
Cemeteries Mountain Street Old Village Hill	75.00 150.00	75.00 143.40	75.00 300.00	75.00 200.00
	225.00	218.40	375.00	275.00
Haydenville Library	325.00	325.90	300.00	300.00
Interest on Revenue	300.00	552.58	650.00	650.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,500.00	1,438.74	1,600.00	1,600.00
School Department Teachers' Salaries Special Class Law 514 and Trans.	100,499.01	100,295.89	111,690.34	111,690.34
Adjustment Counselor's Salary	3,500.00	2,333.28	3,200.00	3,200.00
Adjustment Counselor's Travel	2,900.00	2,800.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
Janitors' Salaries	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Janitors' Supplies	9,900.00	9,824.82	10,183.00	10,183.00
Drawing Supervisor's Salary	1,300.00	1,440.82	1,300.00	1,300.00
Superintendent's Salary	1,000.00	1,040.00	1,427.00	1,427.00
Union Expense	2,700.00	2,493.72	2,675.50	2,675.50
Nurse and Travel	400.00	435.00	400.00	400.00
Physicians' Salaries	758.00	805.00	800.00	800.00
	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00

Transportation	7,500.00	7,962.09	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	5,500.00	5,821.83	6,000.00	6,000.00
Repairs	900.00	1,514.44	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sundries	1,347.00	756.81	1,347.00	1,347.00
Telephones	450.00	708.19	450.00	450.00
Books	2,800.00	2,909.05	2,240.00	2,240.00
Classroom Supplies	3,037.47	3,154.88	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office Supplies	350.00	273.99	350.00	350.00
Athletics and Transportation	157.55	154.03	740.50	740.50
Smith's School and Vocational Tuition	5,000.00	3,750.36	4,926.00	4,926.00
Vocational School Transportation	1,250.00	523.50	1,050.00	1,050.00
New Equipment	866.00	2,325.29	1,150.00	1,150.00
Insurance	1,811.79	1,831.91	2,089.91	2,089.91
Committee's Salary	275.00	272.50	275.00	275.00
Electricity	2,200.00	2,299.21	2,200.00	2,200.00
Driver Education	250.00	265.44	250.00	250.00
Music Supervisor's Salary	2,436.00	2,436.00	2,636.00	2,636.00
Physical Education	544.00	292.84	471.00	471.00
Dentist	150.00		350.00	350.00
Special Transportation			200.00	200.00
Tuition Special Class		820.00		
Secretaries' Salaries	3,240.00	2,900.06	3,099.00	3,099.00
	\$163,821.82	\$163,240.95	\$176,800.25	\$176,800.25
Less School Department Public Law 871			3,184.00	3,184.00
	\$163,821.82	\$163,240.95	\$173,616.25	\$173,616.25
Totals Added	103,134.85	86,725.11	118,333.92	108,101.46
	\$266,956.67	\$249,966.06	\$291,950.17	\$281,717.71

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 295 dog licenses issued in 1957 as follows: 179 males, 30 females and 80 spayed females. Six kennel licenses were issued. The sum of \$706.40 was paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH & GAME

There were 593 sporting licenses issued in 1957 for which the sum of \$1,843.00 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 47 births were recorded in 1957. This figure includes 11 which occurred in 1956 and on which records were not received until 1957. Also listed are 12 births which occurred in 1957 and which are recorded in 1958.

1956

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|------|----|-------------------------|
| Oct. | 19 | Debra Mae Flint |
| Nov. | 6 | Michael Arthur Lacasse |
| | 7 | Judith Ann LaCourse |
| | 16 | David Francis Golash |
| | 23 | Maurice Connell |
| | 26 | Leonard Joseph Cranston |
| | 26 | Betsy Jean Everett |
| Dec. | 4 | James Delmar Hall |
| | 25 | William Michael Fisher |
| | 26 | David Allan Brown |
| Aug. | 28 | David Joseph Morin |

1957

Jan .	15	Robert Henry Packard
	21	Elaine Agnes Lapan
	23	Kathy Lynne Brown
	27	Susan Jean Karowski
Feb.	3	Therese Anne Roco
	12	Walter Donald Dufresne, Jr.
	27	Cathrine Ann Stone
	27	Peter Alan Stone
	27	Paul Robert Stone
Mar.	3	Charles Anthony Keller
	4	(No Name) Rice
	5	Deborah Anne Braman
	7	Kevin Francis O'Brien
	7	Jeanne Marie Graves
	7	Gordon Francis Hathaway
	8	Catherine Elizabeth Dods
	14	Deborah Ann Nesbitt
Apr.	13	Mary Elizabeth Jenkins
June	5	Christopher James Gulow
	15	Randall Wayne Lunsford
	15	Richard Stanley Wright, II
	29	Peter Michael Beebe
	29	William John Turner
May	7	Susan Louise McAvoy
	8	Sheila Marie Ingellis
	11	Diana May Carr
	29	William Arthur Gardner
	29	Sandra Sue Golash
	31	Charles Philip Warner
July	6	Deborah Ann Adam
	11	Lynn Marie Nehring
Aug.	1	Peter Jon Himmelman
	10	Victor Michael Ingellis

	13	Theodore Frank Pierce
	22	Kimberly Ann Jablonski
	31	Mary Ann Wilson
Sept.	4	Deborah Ann Heath
	23	Cathleen Marie Tewksbury
	24	Ruth Ann Sylvester
	25	Cindy Lee Foster
Oct.	22	John William Gustavis, Jr.
	23	Mona Michelle Karkut
	25	Paul Edward Kocot
	31	Donald Hill Learned
Dec.	6	Nicholas Peter Papageorge
	15	James Francis Culver
	15	Jerry Francis Culver
	27	Stephen Chris Dondoros

MARRIAGES

There were 22 marriages recorded in 1957, as follows:

Jan.	24	Harry Daniel Guyette, Plainfield, Mass. Evelyn (Atherton) Taylor, Williamsburg, Mass.
Feb.	16	Bruce Gordon Peavey, Haydenville, Mass. Nancy Joy Schorge, Northampton, Mass.
Mar.	2	Conrad Michael Karkut, Northampton, Mass. Sandra Rose Bernier, Haydenville, Mass.
	16	Francis H. Leamy, Jr., Haydenville, Mass. Marjorie L. Thouin, Easthampton, Mass.
	30	Robert C. Jones, Providence, R. I. Fay Bailey, Williamsburg, Mass.
Apr.	6	Eric Alden Soderlind, East Hartford, Conn. Lena Marie Nietzsche, West Hartford, Conn.
May	5	Robert Donald Wagner, Easthampton, Mass. Mary Eliza Baker, Williamsburg, Mass.

- May 4 Roger Alvah Graves, Williamsburg, Mass.
Ann Josephine Sullivan, Haydenville, Mass.
- 26 Forrest W. McPherson, Williamsburg, Mass.
Marilyn E. Pearl, Williamsburg, Mass.
- June 10 Roger Kellogg, Chesterfield, Mass.
Roseann Ozzolek, Haydenville, Mass.
- 7 Colin C. Houston, Hampden, Mass.
Dorothy A. (Packard) Hathaway, Goshen,
Mass.
- July 13 Richard Floyd Stone, Greenfield, Mass.
Nancy Isabelle Bickford, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 20 Donald E. Hillenbrand, Williamsburg, Mass.
Marcia F. Hodgkins, Amherst, Mass.
- Aug. 3 Phillip E. Smead, Greenfield, Mass.
Barbara E. Samson, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 17 Richard Allen Line, Haydenville, Mass.
Esther Jane Rossmeisl, West Springfield,
Mass.
- Sept. 28 James J. Grimaldi, Westfield, Mass.
Arlene Mae Bouthellette, Haydenville, Mass.
- Oct. 25 Norman W. Ashton, West Medford, Mass.
Leona Larsen, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 19 Raymond H. Richardson, Goshen, Mass.
Mary M. (Demerski) Wiater, Williamsburg,
Mass.
- Nov. 3 Clifford W. Clark, Williamsburg, Mass.
Anesta M. Taylor, Claremont, Mass.
- 9 Rolfe H. Bryant, Williamsburg, Mass.
Valerie E. Beaupre, Haydenville, Mass.
- 28 Joseph Corrao, Boston, Mass.
Doris Marie Sincage, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 30 Joseph Ernest Gagnon, Northampton, Mass.
Elinor Ann Kellogg, Haydenville, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 17 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1957, as follows:

	Date 1956		Yr.	Mo.	Da.
Dec.	12	Donald H. Nute	51	4	5
	27	Alma Jeannette Bridgman	71	11	10
 1957					
Jan.	13	Ralph R. Mason, Jr.	34	9	12
	14	Alice (Stripp) Nash	70	8	15
	31	Jennie Lind Knox	78	6	19
	11	Jane Willard Putnam	94	5	25
Feb.	11	Adeline (Larocque) Hurteau	57	5	16
Mar.	8	Deborah Anne Braman			3
Apr.	17	George V. Warner	63	1	27
May	17	Forrest Folmsbee	49	3	7
June	25	Walter R. Cote	57	6	21
July	16	(Ellen) or Nellie (Mansfield) Larkin	89	3	14
Sept.	5	J. Clark Foster	78	7	8
	12	Ralph R. Mason	60	8	10
	1	Charles Gilbert Loud	83	4	4
Oct.	1	Thomas Francis Trainor	83		
Nov.	9	Antoni J. Nurczyk	62	6	15

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding December 31, 1956:

1954	Personal Property	\$307.05
	Real Estate	1,297.89
	Excise Tax	188.88

		\$1,793.82
1955	Poll Tax	4.00
	Personal Property	1,132.66
	Real Estate	4,110.20
	Excise Tax	337.75

		5,584.61
1956	Poll Tax	20.00
	Personal Property	3,882.96
	Real Estate	27,387.84
	Excise Tax	4,613.77

		35,904.57
Total		\$43,283.00

Abatements:

1954	Personal Property	\$175.95
	Excise Tax	45.82

		\$221.77
1955	Excise Tax	33.13 33.13
1956	Poll Tax	8.00
	Real Estate	252.00

	Excise Tax	2,256.54

		2,516.54
1957	Poll Tax	26.00
	Personal Property	340.86
	Real Estate	6,068.15
	Excise Tax	2,840.34

		9,275.35
Total		\$12,046.79
Tax Titles:		
Commitments:		102.43
1957	Poll Tax	\$1,082.00
	Personal Property	13,737.70
	Real Estate	153,141.78
	Farm Animal Excise	356.08
	Excise Tax—1956 in 1957	4,235.61
	Excise Tax	23,921.48

Total		\$196,474.65
Collected and Paid Treasurer (Including Interest):		
1957	Poll Tax	\$1,056.24
	Personal Property	11,754.03
	Real Estate	119,574.49
	Farm Excise Tax	356.94
	Excise Tax	18,363.03

		\$151,104.73
1956	Poll Tax	17.40
	Personal Property	2,150.24
	Real Estate	21,320.17
	Excise Tax	6,542.89

		30,030.70

1955	Poll Tax	5.80
	Personal Property	605.64
	Real Estate	2,490.73
	Excise Tax	53.07

		3,155.24
1954	Personal Property	11.94
	Real Estate	1,029.55
	Excise Tax	10.45

		1,051.94
Total		\$185,342.61
Outstanding December 31, 1957:		
1954	Personal Property	\$120.75
	Real Estate	335.68
	Excise Tax	135.28

		\$591.71
1955	Personal Property	591.20
	Real Estate	1,749.11
	Excise Tax	260.99

		2,601.30
1956	Poll Tax	2.00
	Personal Property	1,778.05
	Real Estate	6,115.25
	Excise Tax	544.82

		8,440.12
1957	Poll Tax	40.00
	Personal Property	1,656.06

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1957.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balances and Balance Sheet will be found on the following pages.

Departmental examinations have been made during the year and I again respectfully request that all departments receiving monies for the Town turn them over promptly and at least once a month to the Town Treasurer. This practice is essentially necessary for the lessening of the time and reducing the amount of monies to be borrowed in Anticipation of Revenue.

I again wish to express my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes:

Personal Property 1954	\$10.35
Real Estate 1954	962.21
Poll Tax 1955	4.00

Personal Property 1955	541.46
Real Estate 1955	2,361.09
Poll Tax 1956	12.00
Personal Property 1956	2,104.91
Real Estate 1956	20,962.14
Poll Tax 1957	1,010.00
Personal Property 1957	11,751.40
Real Estate 1957	119,354.58
Farm Animal Excise Tax	356.08
	\$159,430.22

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1954	7.78
Levy of 1955	43.63
Levy of 1956	6,381.80
Levy of 1957	18,327.58
	24,760.79

Taxes, State:

Corporation	8,588.32
Income Tax	2,603.86
Income Tax—Chapter 70, Schools	31,946.09
Income Tax—Chapter 71, Schools	2,306.07
Income Tax—Youth Service Board	2,700.00
Meal Tax—Old Age	781.47
Reimbursement—	
Loss of Taxes	119.91
Reimbursement—	
Paraplegic Veterans	178.50
	49,224.22

Licenses:

Liquor	5,600.00
Board of Health	7.00
Junk	12.00
Automatic Music and Amusement	86.66
Common Victuallers	18.00
Hawkers	8.00

Sunday	2.00
Used Car	65.00
Gasoline	1.50
Special	180.50
Innholders	2.00
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	5,982.66

Permits:

Pistol	10.50
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Fines and Forfeitures:

Court	330.70
Library	7.48
Dog Licenses for County	706.40
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	1,044.58

Grants and Gifts:

County—

Dog License Refunds	477.78
Chapter 90 Construction 1956	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction, Haydenville Bridge	1,462.93
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	3,940.71

State—

Chapter 81 Highways 1956	7,100.75
Chapter 81 Highways 1957	1,236.88
Chapter 90 Construction, Haydenville Bridge	6,792.16
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1955	300.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1956	300.00
Chapter 718, Haydenville Bridge	4,000.00
Chapter 718, Adams and Old Goshen Road	2,000.00
School Superintendent	1,400.00
School Transportation	7,250.02

New Elementary School	8,903.10
School Lunch Program	6,598.85
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	45,881.76

U. S. Grants—	
Disability Assistance	2,673.33
Disability Assistance	
Administration	112.73
Aid to Dependent Children	1,884.99
Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	436.30
Old Age Assistance	10,660.82
Old Age Assistance	
Administration	372.96
Schools—Public Law 874	3,184.00
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	19,325.13

Departmental Revenue:

Sealer of Weights and Measures	55.60
Disability Assistance—State	2,615.36
Aid to Dependent Children—State	1,822.84
Old Age Assistance—State	10,411.09
Disability Assistance	
Administration—State	56.73
Old Age Assistance—	
Cities and Towns	1,096.20
Old Age Assistance—Recoveries	1,200.00
Veterans' Services—State	1,453.50
General Relief—State	439.26
Animal Inspection—State	30.00
School Department:	
Tuition	10,841.43
State Ward's Tuition	919.33
State Ward's Transportation	228.00
Miscellaneous Sales and Charges	202.69
Telephone Receipts	120.34
Rent of Gymnasium	7.50
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	30,999.87

Vocational Education—State	3,324.08
Water Rents	13,533.78
Water Miscellaneous	907.21
Water Lien Fees	15.00
Petticoat Hill Extension	50.00
License Advertisements	37.75
Collectors' Costs and Fees	190.20
Truck and Tractor Earnings	4,930.07
School Cafeteria Income	11,273.53
Sale of Town Histories	20.00
High School Athletic Fund	903.00
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,300.00
	40,494.62
Federal Withholding Tax	20,650.57
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,444.22
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	1,544.70
	23,639.49
Interest:	
Taxes, Real and Personal	778.04
Taxes, Motor Vehicle and	
Trailer Excise	80.75
Taxes, Farm Animal Excise	.86
Treasurer's Deposit	323.99
	1,183.64
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	50,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts:	
Refunds	
Teachers' Retirement	14.58
Old Age Assistance—Town	42.25
Old Age Assistance—Federal	73.25
Water Department	7.12
Highway Department	.33
Tailings	34.50
	172.03

Trust Funds:

H. M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	5,089.50
Collins School Fund	1,813.40
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	167.22
Electa Waite Charity Fund	53.20
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	150.00
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,106.89
Byron Loomis School Fund	227.31
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	6,199.11
Ethel Curry School Fund	28.75
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	150.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	39.76
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	21.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	187.11
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	86.37
Helen E. James School Fund	245.22
	17,064.84
	\$473,155.06
Cash on hand January 1, 1957	164,765.95
	\$637,921.01

PAYMENTS

Moderator	\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries:	
Chairman	400.00
Member	200.00
Member	200.00
	800.00
Selectmen's Maintenance:	
Dues	31.00
Bond	100.00
Stationery and Forms	23.45
Travel	90.00
Meetings	7.50

Janitor	15.00	
Flowers	10.00	
License Pads	14.55	
	—————	291.50
Selectmen's Advertising:		44.08
Accountant's Salary		750.00
Accountant's Maintenance:		
Clerk	35.00	
Stationery and Forms	48.42	
Telephone	15.00	
Adding Machine Rent	15.00	
Legal Service	4.00	
Repairs and Ribbons	32.19	
	—————	149.61
Treasurer's Salary		1,200.00
Treasurer's Maintenance:		
Clerk	25.00	
Telephone	49.56	
Carfare	20.25	
Stationery	143.60	
Certification of Notes	2.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rent	10.00	
Bond	144.00	
Dues	2.00	
	—————	396.41
Treasurer's Tax Title Account		70.00
Tax Collector's Salary		600.00
Tax Collector's Maintenance:		
Dues	2.00	
Stationery and Forms	227.00	
Bonds	301.00	
Supplies	20.00	
	—————	550.00
Assessors' Salaries		550.00

Assessors' Maintenance :	
Dues	9.00
Records of Transfers	49.80
Stationery and Forms	86.24
Meetings and Mileage	63.14
School	25.00
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	233.18
Town Counsel	
	125.00
Town Clerk's Salary	
	300.00
Town Clerk's Maintenance :	
Vital Statistics	120.00
Clerk	37.00
Bond	5.00
Stationery and Forms	51.20
Mileage	25.00
Postage	15.00
Telephone	62.50
Legal Service	12.00
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	327.70
Elections and Registrations :	
Labor	10.00
Forms	33.00
Salaries	125.00
Wardens and Clerks	84.00
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	252.00
Street Listings Chapter 51-5A :	
Stationery and Forms	37.40
Labor	220.00
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	257.40
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	
Finance Committee:	
Dues	15.00
	15.00

Town Secretary's Salary	1,268.75
Town Hall:	
Telephones	170.48
Electricity	14.78
Insurance	44.07

	229.33
Town Hall Roof Repair	198.78
Town Shed:	
Fuel	58.62
Repairs	67.56
Light Bulbs	2.00

	128.18
Total General Government	\$8,771.92

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:	
Salaries	\$200.00
Labor	883.00
Mileage	313.60
Court	89.80
Legal	25.00
Dog Tax Collection	31.95
Equipment	302.92
Telephones	135.85
Printing and Forms	34.00
Physician	5.00
School Traffic Patrol	993.60

	3,014.72

Fire Department:	
Salaries	665.00
Telephones	842.80
Electricity	111.21
Insurance	177.93
Labor at Fires	973.50
Fuel	562.28

Equipment Maintenance	650.65
New Equipment	988.48
Building Maintenance	582.15
Administration	41.46
	—————
	5,595.46
Williamsburg Fire House Addition	96.14
Civilian Defense:	
Heat and Light	13.00
Administration	50.00
	—————
	63.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Tree Warden:	
Labor	592.25
Truck and Tractor Hire	276.00
Chain Saw Hire	133.50
Pruning	180.00
	—————
	1,181.75
Gypsy Moth and Public Nuisance, State Liability:	
Spraying	279.56
Field Work	20.25
	—————
	299.81
Dutch Elm Control, State Liability:	
Labor	250.75
Truck and Tractor Hire	126.75
Chain Saw Hire	60.75
	—————
	438.25
Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$10,789.13

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Public Health:	
Salary	\$100.00
Administration:	
Advertising for Bids	\$13.12
Postage	2.34

Mileage	18.22
Telephone	4.60
Clerk	32.00

	70.28
Sanatorium	345.00
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	366.38
Miscellaneous	15.25
Barn and Animal Inspection	60.00
Slaughter Inspection	20.00
Town Dump Rent	200.00
Town Dump Caretaker	624.00
Town Dump Maintenance	419.60
Garbage Collection	1,966.68
Rubbish Collection	720.00
Well Child Clinic	225.00
Immunization Clinic	225.00
Visiting Nurse	750.00

	5,936.91
Total Public Health and Sanitation	\$6,107.19

BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS

Highways, Chapter 81:

Labor	\$5,288.93
Town Equipment	1,507.75
Private Equipment	2,683.40
Gravel	844.73
Winter Sand	137.50
Bituminous Concrete	450.21
Patch	24.30
Calcium Chloride	536.20
Mowing	94.00
Salt	414.18
Culverts	795.89
Oil	1,923.81

	14,700.90

Winter and General Highways:

Labor	5,740.40
Town Equipment	1,501.75
Private Equipment	826.05
Sand	949.50
Salt	413.00
Calcium Chloride	1.60
Gravel	272.21
Culvert	8.78
Sewer Pipe	10.80
Patch	208.20
Winter Mix	75.30
Repairs	88.90
Private Plowing	1,012.00
Colprovia	180.79
Concrete	116.38
Barrels	30.00
Chain Saw Hire	202.00
Sander Hire	300.00
Grass Seed	17.88
	11,955.54

Highways Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	2,665.39
Town Equipment	751.25
Private Equipment	3,067.65
Concrete	61.25
Gravel	763.00
Blasting	3.44
Culverts	549.43
Wire and Staples	12.60
Hay	126.00
	8,000.01

Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance 1956:

Labor	182.05
Town Equipment	60.75

Private Equipment	108.61
Gravel	131.40
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	482.81

Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance 1957:

Labor	1,260.79
Town Equipment	280.50
Private Equipment	201.80
Oil	1,173.59
Patch	83.40
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	3,000.08

Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance Route 143, 1955:

Labor	156.45
Town Equipment	39.75
Private Equipment	104.00
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	300.20

Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance Route 143, 1956:

Labor	69.60
Town Equipment	51.75
Private Equipment	178.75
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	300.10

Bridges and Railings:

Labor	913.16
Town Equipment	63.75
Culverts	493.92
Reflector Strips	29.40
Nails and Spikes	21.56
Lumber	22.75
Painting	162.75
Private Equipment	16.20
Concrete	232.75
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	1,956.24

Adams and Old Goshen Roads, Chapter 718:

Labor	396.96
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Town Equipment	117.00
Private Equipment	1,165.80
Gravel	320.40
	2,000.16
Sidewalks:	
Labor	248.69
Town Equipment	27.00
	275.69
Street Signs:	
Labor	69.75
Private Equipment	7.80
Material	77.44
	154.99
Haydenville Bridge, Chapter 90 Construction:	
Contract Payments	15,360.75
Street Lights	3,228.48
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:	
Repairs	1,032.35
Gas and oil	1,815.93
Insurance	651.11
Blades and Drag	335.67
Miscellaneous	50.10
Tires	306.32
Grader Hire	1,400.00
Hooks and Chains	164.65
Registrations	18.00
	5,774.13
Trojan Repair	1,500.00
Tool Account	150.96
	\$69,141.04
Total of Highways and Bridges	

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Welfare Agent's Salary:	
Town	\$1,000.00
Disability Assistance,	
Federal Administration	32.00

Old Age Assistance, Federal Administration	1,081.69	
		————— \$2,063.69
Welfare Agent's Administration		200.00
General Relief:		
Aid	169.60	
Disability Assistance, Town:		
Assistance	4,261.56	
Medicine	55.96	
Hospital	1,289.73	
Funerals	300.00	
Doctors	56.75	
Ambulance	36.00	
	—————	6,000.00
Disability Assistance, Federal:		
Assistance	271.50	
Hospital	763.90	
Doctor	8.00	
	—————	1,043.40
		7,043.40
Aid to Dependent Children, Town:		
Aid	2,062.70	
Medicine	46.49	
Doctor	64.50	
Glasses	28.50	
Home	58.57	
Dentist	43.00	
Hospital	196.24	
	—————	2,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal:		
Aid	1,249.30	
Medicine	19.80	
Doctor	48.00	
Glasses	3.50	

Dentist	91.00
Hospital	124.88
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	1,536.48
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	4,036.48

Old Age Assistance, Town:

Assistance	9,312.20
Medicine	196.26
Doctor	226.75
Hospital	1,272.84
Nursing Home	1,504.20
Ambulance	30.00
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	12,542.25

Old Age Assistance, Federal:

Assistance	15,784.43
Medicine	518.20
Doctor	697.41
Hospital	1,088.24
Nursing Home	1,235.80
Ambulance	67.00
Glasses	102.50
Dentist	91.00
Funeral	200.00
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	19,784.58
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	32,326.83

Veterans' Benefits:

Agent's Salary and Administration	313.03
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Veterans' Benefits:

Benefits	790.50
Fuel	149.00
Medicine	121.87
Hospital	1,083.18
Doctor	91.00
Ambulance	15.00

Nursing Home	218.93
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	2,469.48
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits	\$48,622.51

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools:

Teachers' Salaries	\$100,295.89
Special Class Law 514	2,333.28
Adjustment Counselor's Salary	2,800.00
Adjustment Counselor's Travel	300.00
Janitors' Salaries	9,824.82
Janitors' Supplies	1,440.82
Drawing Supervisor's Salary	1,040.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,493.72
Union Expense	435.00
Nurse and Travel	805.00
Physicians' Salaries	500.00
Transportation	7,962.09
Fuel	5,821.83
Repairs	1,514.44
Sundries	756.81
Telephones	708.19
Books	2,909.05
Classroom Supplies	3,154.88
Office Supplies	273.99
Athletics and Transportation	154.03
Smith's School and other	•
Vocational Tuition	3,750.36
Vocational School Transportation	523.50
New Equipment	2,325.29
Insurance	1,831.91
Committee's Salary	272.50
Electricity	2,299.21
Driver Education	265.44
Music Supervisor	2,436.00
Physical Education	292.84

Secretaries' Salaries	2,900.06
Special Class Tuition	820.00
	163,240.95
New Elementary School Construction	489.99
Helen E. James School Remodeling:	
Roof Repair	1,230.88
Byron Loomis School Fund:	
Furniture	444.30
Film	7.32
	451.62
Ethel Curry School Fund:	
Furniture	109.20
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund:	
Film Strips	85.91
Helen E. James School Fund:	
Roof Repair	245.22
High School Athletic Fund:	
Equipment	394.40
Transportation	243.18
Uniforms	122.13
Janitor	31.50
Repairs	12.90
Dues	8.00
Engraving	3.00
Cleaning	100.75
Referees and Umpires	291.00
Coach	141.00
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	10.00
Miscellaneous	78.79
	1,436.45
Cafeteria:	
Wages	7,427.79
Food and Milk	9,327.85
Express	53.00

Travel and Transportation	366.50
Linen	175.84
Soap	78.46
Equipment	195.95
Repairs	162.36
Freezer Rental	32.00
Miscellaneous	102.02
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	17,921.77

Library, Haydenville:

Librarian	108.00
Labor	8.00
Insurance	18.20
Magazine	5.00
Electricity	8.82
Fuel	23.61
Books	154.27
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	325.90

Total for Schools and Libraries \$185,537.89

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:

Hallowe'en Party	\$30.00
Equipment	47.19
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	77.19

Athletic Field:

Labor	80.00
Loam	90.00
Express	4.00
Fence Material	180.00
Supplies	15.15
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	369.15

Power Mower \$250.00

Town Clocks:

Caretakers 65.59

Electricity	18.83	
		84.42
Memorial Day :		
Speaker	10.00	
Drum Corps	80.00	
Flowers	19.25	
Flags	25.00	
Loudspeaker	10.00	
Markers	18.44	
		162.69
Printing Town Reports	424.32	
Workmens' Compensation	1,438.74	
Wood Lot	9.30	
Reappraisal of Real Estate, Article #22, 1955	4,500.00	
Land Damage	200.00	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
Total Recreation and Unclassified		\$7,525.81

CEMETERIES AND ENTERPRISES

Old Village Hill Cemetery :		
Labor	137.50	
Weedkiller	5.90	
		143.40
Mountain Street Cemetery :		
Labor	75.00	75.00
Water Department :		
Additional Water Supply		
Supplies	27.69	
Repairs	55.10	
Labor	18.75	
Electricity	1,941.95	
		2,043.49
Chlorinator Maintenance :		
Chemicals	37.28	

Equipment	31.22
Labor	129.75
Electricity	284.02
Express	4.02
Supplies	1.80
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	488.09

Pipe Line Maintenance:

Rent	1.00
Crushed Stone	31.72
Patch	24.00
Supplies	42.33
Repairs	9.45
Labor	628.88
Equipment	688.91
Equipment Hire	954.03
Fuel	9.28
	—————
	2,389.60

Water Shed:

Labor	39.00
Supplies	8.35
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	47.35

Administration:

Bond	7.50
Insurance	55.06
Water Liens	29.50
	—————
	233.36

Additional Water Supply Bond	2,000.00
Additional Water Supply Interest	360.00
South Street Water Extension Bond	500.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium Extension Bond	1,000.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium Extension Interest	41.25
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	3,901.25

Water Miscellaneous:

Labor	60.75
Equipment Hire	99.00

	159.75

Water Entrances and Connections:

Equipment Hire	87.00
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Total for Water Department	9,349.89
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Total Enterprises and Cemeteries	\$9,568.29
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AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:

State Parks and Reservations	\$605.93
State Audit	1,653.64
County Tax	11,119.93
Dog Tax	704.65

	\$14,084.15

Cemetery Perpetual Care

Funds Income	39.76
Withholding Tax	20,591.21
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,421.89
Town's Share Retirement Fund	1,156.39
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,544.70
Collector's Costs and Fees	212.15
Federal Works 19-P-15 Bridges	1,232.00

	26,198.10

Trust Funds:

Albert S. Hills Charity	
Fund Income	239.01
H. M. Hills Hospital Bed	
Fund and Income	5,496.27
C. J. Hills Charity Fund Income	150.00
Onslow G. Spelman School	
Fund and Income	5,125.61

Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,038.54

	14,049.43
Total of Agency, Trust and Investment	\$54,331.68

REFUNDS

Refunds:

Water Department	\$179.69
Motor Vehicle and	
Trailer Excise Taxes	1,390.02
Personal Property Taxes	10.62
Real Estate Taxes	252.30
Poll Taxes	4.00
Teachers' Retirement	14.58

	1,851.21
Total Refunds	\$1,851.21

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:

South Street Water Extension	\$89.38
Anne T. Dunphy	
Elementary School	2,730.00
Helen E. James	
School Remodeling	700.00
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	463.20

	3,982.58

Loans:

Anne T. Dunphy	
Elementary School	25,000.00
Helen E. James	
School Remodeling	2,000.00
Anticipation of Revenue	100,000.00

	127,000.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$130,982.58
Total Payments	\$533,229.25
Cash on Hand December 31, 1957	\$104,691.76
	\$637,921.01

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Police Maintenance	\$24.72
Haydenville Library	.90
Town Reports	24.32
Interest	252.58
Highways Chapter 81	.90
Highways Chapter 90 Construction	.01
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	
Route 143 Special 1955	.20
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	
Route 143 Special 1956	.10
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance 1956	.37
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance 1957	.08
Highways Chapter 718,	
Adams and Old Goshen Road	.16

	\$304.34

TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

	Balance	Income	Expended	Balance
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	\$585.42		\$406.77	\$178.65
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	849.19	\$167.22	1,016.41	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	263.50	3,106.89	3,038.54	331.85
Electa Waite Worthy Poor Fund	316.72	53.20		369.92
Lyman D. Waite Worthy Poor Fund	206.20	21.00		227.20
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	162.06	150.00	239.01	73.05
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	612.31	150.00	150.00	612.31
Ethel Curry School Fund	116.25	28.75	109.20	35.80
Collins School Fund	195.53	1,313.40	1,200.00	308.93
Byron . Loomis School Fund	478.12	227.31	451.62	253.81
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	291.68	1,122.11	1,148.61	265.18
Helen E. James School Fund		245.22	245.22	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	515.93	187.11		703.04
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	294.83	86.37	85.91	295.29
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		39.76	39.76	
	\$4,887.74	\$6,898.34	\$7,114.64	\$4,671.44

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1957

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		\$104,691.76
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954		
Personal Property	\$120.75	
Real Estate	335.68	456.43
Levy of 1955		
Personal Property	591.20	
Real Estate	1,749.11	2,340.31
Levy of 1956		
Personal Property	1,778.05	
Real Estate	6,115.25	7,893.30
Levy of 1957		
Poll	50.00	
Personal Property	1,656.06	
Real Estate	27,822.92	29,528.98
Tax Titles		
	609.75	
Tax Possessions		
	192.43	802.18
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children		360.21
Water Department:		
Rates	1,325.09	
Miscellaneous	361.90	
Petticoat Hill Extension	87.50	1,774.49
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	135.28	
Levy of 1955	260.99	
Levy of 1956	558.61	
Levy of 1957	3,796.01	4,750.89

State Aid to Highways	17,520.96
County Aid to Highways	1,534.07
State Park Tax 1957	27.85
Appropriation Balances:	
General	10,443.09
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	\$182,124.52
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LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$1,864.58
County Retirement System	188.09
Sale, Land of Low Value, Excess	226.49
Land Purchase, Anne T. Dunphy School	600.00
Tailings	34.50
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	1,200.00

Trust Fund Income:

Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	178.65
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	1,016.41
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	331.85
Electa Waite Charity Fund	369.92
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	227.20
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	73.05
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	612.31
Collins School Fund	308.93
Byron L. Loomis School Fund	253.81
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	265.18
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	703.04
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	295.29
Ethel Curry School Fund	35.80
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	4,671.44

Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance:

Assistance	2,375.82
Administrations	80.73
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	2,456.55

Aid to Dependent Children:	
Aid	6,831.45
Administration	436.30
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	7,267.75
Old Age Assistance:	
Assistance	2,331.48
Administration	1,415.17
	—————
	3,746.65 13,470.95
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans and Engineering	12.00
School Cafeteria Fund	2,003.39
School Athletic Fund	1,179.61
Federal Aid to Schools, Law 874	3,184.00
Appropriation Balances	
Non-Revenue, New Elementary School Construction	3,628.83
Road Machinery Fund	5,147.68
State and County Aid to Highways	19,055.03
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	7,928.21
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Levy of 1954	456.43
Levy of 1955	2,340.31
Levy of 1956	4,796.19
Levy of 1957	9,047.83
	—————
	16,640.76
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	4,750.89
Tax Titles and Possessions	802.18
Departmental	360.21
Water	2,021.29
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	7,934.57
Dog Taxes for County	1.75
County Tax 1957	108.14

Water Available Surplus	15,450.26
Surplus Revenue	77,594.24
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	\$182,124.52
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TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Treasurer	\$114,152.12
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Trustees	3,876.74
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	\$118,028.86
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Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	\$17,649.07
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,470.64
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	36,947.77
Byron L. Loomis School Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	1,123.48
Henry W. Warner Fund	5,638.82
Helen E. James School Fund	3,876.74
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	\$118,028.86
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NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$207,000.00
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	\$207,000.00
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Water Main, South Street Water Extension	\$3,000.00
Water Main, Sanatorium Extension	1,000.00
Underground Water Supply	15,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School	170,000.00
Helen E. James Remodeling	18,000.00
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	\$207,000.00
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Assessors' Report

The method of computing the tax rate for the year 1957
is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	\$293,359.81
Taken from available funds	
in 1957	\$21,474.99
in 1956 since 1956	
rate was fixed	5,000.00 26,474.99
State Parks and Reservations	762.91
State Audit	1,653.64
County Tax	11,318.10
Overlay of current year	15,585.27
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$349,154.72
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:	
Income Tax	\$36,070.70
Corporation Taxes	6,590.47
Reimbursement of Publicly Owned	
Land	114.30
Old Age Tax	724.78
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise Tax	13,000.00
Licenses	3,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Charities	3,250.00
Old Age Assistance	11,000.00
Veterans' Services	1,000.00
Schools	21,000.00
Public Service Enterprises	12,000.00
Interest: on Taxes and Assessments	300.00
State Assistance for School Const.	8,9000.00

Collins School Fund Income	1,200.00
O. G. Spelman School Income	1,100.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$119,800.25
 Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	\$61,474.99
 Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$181,275.24
 Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property:	
Polls, 500 @ \$2.00	\$1,000.00
Total Value Personal Property	
\$161,620.00 @ \$85.00	13,737.70
Total Value Real Estate	
\$1,801,668.00 @ \$85.00	153,141.78
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Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$167,879.48
 Total Amount of 1957 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to the Collector	\$167,879.48

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE, Chairman
 JOSEPH M. DYMERSKI
 RUTH T. MONGEAU

Report of Water Commissioners

During the past year the following routine work was performed: 9 renewals of old services, 4 new service connections, 5 new meters installed and 3 hydrants repaired.

The auxiliary gasoline engine at the pumping station was given a complete maintenance check and put in first-class running order. The exterior of the pump house was given two coats of paint.

It is of course, unnecessary to remind you that the past summers drought broke may old records in New England. In the Connecticut Valley and western portions of the state, rainfall records disclose 1957 to have been the driest year since the turn of the century. The rainfall deficiency at the end of September in this area was 13.10 inches. Due to the lack of rainfall and heavy demand, we were unable to shut down the electric pump until November 3rd. In addition to the recorded flow through the chlorinator meter of 48,236,420 gallons, 36,637,900 gals. were pumped from the well.

The water bills, both metered and regular accounts, were completely revised this year. The Board would appreciate your noting several regulations of the Water Department printed thereon: in particular, we would call your attention to the interest charges now being collected for overdue bills and that no abatement will be made on any bill after 30 days.

At the end of the year 1957, your commissioners are happy to report that during a three year period the water available surplus has been built up to almost \$15,500. from a low of about \$2,500. We are convinced that this surplus should be increased as fast as possible while at

the same time protecting the town's investment in the present system. Like many past Boards, we believe that in the near future large expenditures will be necessary to maintain and expand the present water system.

In pursuing the Boards strict policy with regard to delinquent accounts, we have reduced the outstanding figure of \$2,212.00 to \$853.25. The Board will continue the policy of shutting off the water as a means of collecting delinquent accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. DAMON, JR.,
Chairman

BERTRAM W. CLARKE

GEORGE H. CHILDS

Report of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Cutting and disposal of trees:

Labor, chainsaws & truck	\$346.00
Herbert Kellogg, truck & tractor	196.50
Cotton Tree Service, pruning	180.00
Harry Warner, Jr., labor & chainsaw	99.25
Wilbur Loomis, labor & truck	115.75
New England Tree Expert Co., topping and dropping trees	107.00
Merwin Clark, truck & tractor	70.50
Robert Loomis, labor	34.50
Walter Kellogg, III, labor	6.00
Ernest Warner, labor	26.25
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	\$1,181.75

Number of trees cut	30
Trees topped or dropped by utility company at no expense to town	9

Due to the cooperation of landowners, the expense of removing many of the trees was kept to a minimum.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Gypsy Moth Public Nuisance — State Liability	
Eastern State Farmers Exchange	\$154.56
Labor	20.25
Cotton Tree Service, spraying	125.00
	—————
	\$299.81

The cooperatin of the townspeople in all tree matters is greatly appreciated.

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

State Liability

Cutting and disposal of trees:

Labor, chainsaws & truck	\$154.75
Herbert Kellogg, labor & truck	74.00
Wilbur Loomis, labor & truck	38.25
New England Tree Expert Co.,	
topping and dropping	89.75
Merwin Clark, truck & tractor	37.50
Ernest Warner, labor	23.25
Paul Waite, climber	12.50
Robert Loomis, labor	8.25
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	\$438.25

Twelve samples were obtained from trees suspected of having dutch elm disease. Six were found to be diseased and five have been removed, plus two left over from last year. One remains to be removed. Three trees were topped by the utility company at no expense to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY

Tree Warden

Library Report

The Library was opened every Friday evening from 6 to 8 and has been used by more readers than during the previous year. The Bookmobile has provided us with a wide selection of books for both adults and children of all ages, which have been much appreciated.

We are hoping this year to paint the outside trim on the building and start a landscaping job to make the library more attractive.

Books added in 1957	42
Books discarded	13
Books on hand	3,142
Circulation	3,814
Fines collected	\$7.48

Respectfully submitted,

LULA SMITH

VIOLA FRASER

MAUDE SANDERSON

Trustees

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1957.

Booster shots were given for Polio.

Asian Flu Vaccine shots were given to the personnel in the School Dept.

The Board comments the work done by the garbage collector and the rubbish collector as they are both doing a very good job.

All restaurants and clubs serving food were inspected for sanitary conditions and were in excellent condition.

We wish to call to the attention of the townspeople that the board issues permits for installation of septic tanks, which permits are required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD A. REARDON

DR. JOSEPH H. HOBBS

MRS. MARGARET MADISON

Report of the Police Department

Streets were patrolled week-ends and holidays for a total of 878 hours and 3,186 miles traveled.

Twenty-one accidents were reported to the department, thirteen were inspected and eight were not.

Four persons received injuries (none fatal).

Five licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of the Chief.

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

One care reported stolen, abandoned in Northampton.

Two patients were taken to the State Hospital by Police.

Five persons were bitten by dogs.

Five dogs were killed by cars (three no owners).

Two injured dogs taken to S.P.C.A. (one stray).

Two dogs destroyed by Police.

Two dogs taken to S.P.C.A. because owner was taken ill and was unable to care for them.

Sixty-two various complaints received by the Department.

Eighteen summons served for outside departments.

Twenty complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	6
Operating under influence	2
Endangering	1

Speeding	1
Stoplight violation	1
Failing to use proper singnal	1
Passing when view was obstructed	1
No sticker	1
No license	2
Driving after suspension	1
Escaping police	1
Assault and Battery	1
Delinquent	1
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	20

Fifteen persons pleaded or were found guilty.

Two dismissed for lack of prosecution, one found not guilty, two dismissed, requested by the Commonwealth (eighteen males, two females).

The State Police were called several times and the Police Department wishes to thank them for their splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

Thirty-six calls were answered by this department during the year, 5 house fires, 7 chimney, 8 grass, 3 forest, 2 vehicle, 4 dump, 3 false alarms, 1 mutual aid and 3 miscellaneous.

During the spring of the year, we joined the Hilltown Mutual Aid. This organization consists of the fire departments of 10 towns. The purpose of this organization is to help one another in time of emergency, thus affording greater fire protection for the entire area. This past year Williamsburg called on Goshen and our fire truck was sent to Goshen to stand by for Goshen and Cummington when their apparatus was in Windsor.

We sent a portable pump to Easthampton and later to Amherst to help supplement the town water supplies during the extremely dry weather.

Northampton Fire Department came to Williamsburg to aid us during a building fire and our tanker was sent to help them fight a forest fire.

Fire departments in all cities and towns are willing to help each other whenever one has a particular emergency. They probably work as closely with one another as any municipal department could.

This last fall, with permission from the Water Department, we delivered about 10,000 gallons of water with the tanker to the people in the outlying districts who needed it. The men of the department donated their time for this project which required an average of two evenings each week.

Our fire department attended Firemen's Muster in Hatfield, Cummington and Greenfield. We won first prize in Cummington and Greenfield for pumping and second prize in Hatfield.

The men of the department completed their uniforms this year with money earned from labor at fires and winnings from the Firemen's Musters.

The engine house in Haydenville is in dire need of repairs. It is felt, by the firefighters that a new building, in a different location, would be more practicable inasmuch as the present building is too small and in a very poor location.

Engine #1 in Williamsburg station is in its twenty-first year of service. The motor needs repair and the truck in general is very inadequate for present day fire-fighting. We feel we should have a larger truck with more horse power, more pumping capacity and more storage room for water and equipment.

The purpose of the fire department is to protect life and property. However, we are called for other types of help and we are willing to cooperate whenever there is something we can do.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON

Fire Chief

Report of Special Committee

The committee which was appointed to look into the problem of securing a new pumper for the Williamsburg Fire Station reports progress.

This committee believes that the present pumper is inadequate and should be replaced. It is hoped that the committee can make satisfactory recommendations to the Town for the purchase of a new pumper with the near future.

It is requested that this committee be continued for another year.

R. MINOR FROST, JR.

PATRICK F. LARKIN

HOWARD R. SANDERSON

LAURI S. RONKA

FRANKLIN KING

Chairman

January 9, 1958

Visiting Nurse

REPORT OF YEAR 1957

RECEIPTS

Nurse's Collection	\$493.50
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EXPENDITURES

Gas for Nurse's car	\$196.88
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Old Age Tax paid for Nurse	27.94
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Supplies for Nurse's use	3.67
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Postage	1.32
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Nurse's salary	\$1,325.00
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Less taxes withheld	154.14
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Net paid	\$1,170.86
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Withheld Taxes forwarded to Gov't.	154.14
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	\$1,325.00
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Less Town Appro.	750.00
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	\$575.00
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	\$804.81
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Excess of expenditures over receipts	\$311.31
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

of the

Town of Williamsburg

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1957

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth Sherk, Chairman	1959
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Secretary	1960
Mrs. Mary Kellogg	1959
Mr. Erol Bowie	1958
Mr. Norman Graves	1958

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

J. Walter Richard
Office, Anne T. Dunphy School

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ferrante, 48 Meadow St., Florence

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Miss Olive Healy, West Chesterfield

SPECIAL READING TEACHER

Mrs. Jean Snow, Williamsburg

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg
Dr. Ruth Hemenway, Williamsburg

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Margaret Madison, Williamsburg

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg
Charles Sabo

MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETING

At call of Superintendent

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Mrs. Evelyn Kmit, Williamsburg

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. COlony 8-4421

Principal, Edmonds J. Houle: Social Studies, General Math, Goshen

Mrs. Anne Belck: Science
Goshen

Robert Branch: U. S. History, Math.
61 Meadow Street, Florence

Mrs. Anna B. Curtis: Arithmetic, English, Reading
grades 7 and 8
Chesterfield

Miss Martha Dickerman: Arithmetic, Social Studies,
Health, grades 7 and 8
Williamsburg

Mrs. Helen Judd: Science, Reading, grades 7 and 8
Goshen

Mrs. Marjorie McKusick: Latin, Ancient History
Haydenville

Mrs. Marianna Milanese: Social Studies, English, Reading, grades 7 and 8
Audubon Road, Leeds

Henry Simm: English, Civics
187 Main St., Northampton

Mrs. Marie Thomas: English, Speech
Haydenville

Earl F. Tonet: French, Social Studies, Driver Education,
Physical Education, Coach
387 Florence, Rd., Northampton

N. Deming Hoyt: Adjustment Counselor
213 Crescent St., Northampton

ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL

Tel. COLony 8-7770

Principal, Edith D. Foster, Williamsburg, Grade 6

Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, Williamsburg, Grade 5

Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, Haydenville, Grade 4

Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, Williamsburg, Grade 3

Mrs. Ethel Graves, Williamsburg, Grade 2

Mrs. Sophia Eaton, Williamsburg, Grade 1

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

Tel. COLony 8-4912

Principal, Margaret Trainor, Haydenville, Grade 6

Mrs. Marion Hickey, Haydenville, Grade 5

Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, Haydenville, Grade 4

Mrs. Ruth Nash, Williamsburg, Grade 3

Mrs. Doris Tilley, Williamsburg, Grade 2

Miss Mary Crampton, Haydenville, Grade 1

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1957

Haydenville

	5-7	7-16	16 Yrs. or over	
Boys	22	90	15	
Girls	15	93	10	
	—	—	—	
Total	37	183	25	245

Williamsburg

Boys	20	113	9	
Girls	15	96	6	
	—	—	—	
Total	35	209	15	259
Combined total	72	392	40	504

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS
1957

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources	\$163,301.45
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Income on Account of Schools

1. General School Fund	\$31,946.09
2. Trans. Reimbursement	7,250.02
3. Smith's School Reimbursement	3,324.08
4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen, Westhampton, Plain- field, Worthington	10,341.43
5. Telephone Charges — Other Towns in Union	96.09
6. Supt. Reimbursement	1,400.00
7. State Wards' Tuition and Trans.	1,147.33
8. Special Class Reimbursement	2,306.07

9. Youth Service Board	2,700.00
10. Cash Sent to Treasurer	164.59
Total Income	\$60,675.70
Net Expenditures from Local Taxation	\$102,625.75

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday, January 2, 1958	Schools Open
Friday, February 21, 1958	Schools close at regular time for Winter Vacation
Monday, March 3, 1958	Schools Open
Friday, April 4, 1958	Schools Closed, Good Friday
Friday, April 18, 1958	Schools Close at Regular Time for Spring Vacation
Monday, April 28, 1957	Schools Open
Friday, May 30, 1958	Schools Closed, Memorial Day
Friday, June 13, 1958	Elementary Schools close for Summer Vacation
Friday, June 20, 1958	High School Closes for Summer Vacation
Tuesday, September 2, 1958	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 1958	Schools Open
*	Schools Closed Franklin County Teachers' Convention
*	Schools Closed, Workshop for Elementary Teachers
Tuesday, November 11, 1958	Schools Closed Veterans' Day
Wednesday, November 26, 1958	Schools Close at Noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 1, 1958	Schools Open
Friday, December 19, 1958	Schools Close at Regular time for Christmas Holiday

*Date to be determined

Report of School Committee

To the Townspeople of Williamsburg:

The committee, comprising Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Messrs. Erol Bowie, Norman Graves and Kenneth Sherk, met and organized with the latter as Chairman and Eleanor Mansfield as Secretary. The group has been fortunate in that only a normal number of meetings have been required to conduct the business of the School Department. During the year, Mrs. Eleanor Ballday resigned, due to her moving to Vermont, and was replaced by Mrs. Charles Kellogg. Mrs. Ballway was the senior member of the committee and her counsel, based on experience and an understanding of human shortcomings, has been missed.

There were several resignations from the teaching staff and we are happy to state that the Superintendent was able to find replacements of high caliber and promise. Teachers, and in particular good teachers, are hard to find, harder to hire and hardest to keep. There are many factors bearing on this situation but it will be sufficient to point out here that the Law of Supply and Demand operates, and that the Town must face increased expenditures if it wishes to maintain any school system, let alone one that is worthwhile or first-rate.

The Committee has increased the teachers' salary scale to conform with the minimum set by State Law. We have raised the maximum accordingly and increased, from eight to ten years, the period over which the maximum may be achieved. We believe that we are, at the moment, competitive with other systems of our size. The follow-

ing table shows the basic features of the present salary scale:

Teachers with :	Minimum	Maximum
Certificate	\$3,300.00	\$4,600.00
Bachelor's Degree	3,800.00	4,800.00
Bachelor's Degree + 20 semester hours Educational credit	3,500.00	5,000.00
Master's Degree	3,700.00	5,200.00

It is intended to reach this scale in three steps, granting increases January and September 1, 1958 and September 1, 1959.

The provision for \$20.00 per semester hour bonus (up to \$200.00) for study, approved by the Superintendent, remains in force.

The program for replacement of our over-aged typewriters has continued so that soon our commercial program will not be handicapped by machines that are over fifteen years old. A new and modern set of arithmetic books has been put into use. For the first time in many years, the same books are being used in both elementary schools. Major improvements in the physical plant include repairs and renovations in the boiler room at the Haydenville School and new class room furniture for two grades in that school. A colprovia area for parking has been provided at the Helen E. James School.

We have received aid of various sorts from outside groups. Some \$3,180.00 was received from the U. S. government as reimbursement for expenses due to children of U. S. employees in our schools. Since this does not revert to the Town but is to be expended by the committee, we have voted to apply the total sum toward the reduction of our budget for 1958.

Mr. Roderick MacLeod as a member of the Massachusetts Arborists Association presented three trees to

the School Department and supervised their planting. These trees are in memory of Mrs. Helen E. James, Miss Anne T. Dunphy and Mr. Lucius A. Merritt. The committee extends its sincere thanks to Mr. MacLeod.

The committee is indebted to Miss Marian Sonnenfeld and Miss Ursula Fielsch of the German Department at Smith College who have contributed the time and know-how to give weekly lessons in German to the fourth and fifth grades in both elementary schools. The local P.T.A. has backed this program by furnishing transportation when it was needed. I wish to point out that, aside from English, German and Russian are the languages that our present and future scientists most need to know.

The committee is again grateful to the F. N. Graves Company for furnishing a new car for our Driver Education program. Without this cooperation, our driver class would be almost impossible to maintain.

We wish to thank the Williamsburg Rotary Club for their continuation of a scholarship for one of our High school graduates. This is tangible evidence of support to our system and its goals. The committee is most appreciative.

We finished the year with a balance of somewhat over \$500.00 which reverts to the Town. Reimbursements from the State and other towns of the Union amounted to \$60,675.70 which, when subtracted from our expenditures, brings the net cost of schools to the Town down to \$102, 625.75. This fact is not commonly recognized when one looks only at the sum which is appropriated for schools at the Town Meeting.

This report would not be complete without a comment about Mr. Norman Graves who has decided to retire after six years' service on this committee and the School Building Committee. His time and efforts spent to obtain a better physical plant and his yeoman service in the

furtherance of Education in the system are recognized. In the absence of a greater reward, the committee, and especially its chairman, says "Thank you".

We wish to point out that our committee meetings are open to the public and to thank all the citizens who have made suggestions for the betterment of our system. Our relations with the Superintendent, staff and parents have been satisfying and we thank them all for their patience and support.

KENNETH W. SHERK

For the School Committee

Superintendent's Report

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the fifty-sixth since the original school union was formed and the fifth since the present five-town was formed.

Enrollment figures were taken October 1, 1957. At the time the following number of pupils were enrolled in our schools :

Anne T. Dunphy School	142
Haydenville Center School	144
Helen E. James Jr.-Sr. High School	208
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	494
Smith's School	12
Holyoke Trade	1
Special Class Northampton	5
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	18

The above figures include tuition pupils from the following towns:

Chesterfield	11
Goshen	19
Westhampton	18
Plainfield	1
Worthington	3
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	52

Tuition rates for these pupils were set by the School Committee. However with the increased cost of operating our schools, tuition rates were raised as of January 1, 1958.

	1957	1958
Junior High School Pupils	\$220.00	\$275.00
Senior High School Pupils	280.00	325.00

The town of Williamsburg received \$10,341.43 for tuition of out-of-town pupils.

Many changes took place in our teaching staff during the year 1957. In the Anne T. Dunphy School, Mrs. Eleanor Soden resigned and was replaced by Mrs. Ethel Graves of Williamsburg. Mrs. Graves formerly taught in Granby, Mass. This was the only change in our elementary grades. In our Junior High School, the following changes were made: Miss Emma Jo McConnell resigned to accept a position in the Northampton Public Schools. Her position was filled by Mrs. Marianna Milanese. Mrs. Milanese is a graduate of Hunter College, New York City and has had five years' teaching experience in the state of New Jersey. Mrs. Helen Judd of Goshen replaced Mr. Henry Hmieleksi who resigned to accept a position in Orange, Mass. Mrs. Judd received her degree at State Teachers College, North Adams and taught in the Goshen School before coming to Williamsburg.

In our Senior High School, Miss Maria Lovechio was replaced by Mr. Henry Simm as teacher of English and Social Studies. Mr. Simm is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and comes to us from Nedrow, N. Y. Mr. James Fleming resigned as Latin teacher to accept a position in the Springfield Public Schools. Mrs. Majorie McKusick who taught in the Chesterfield Schools last year accepted the position. Mrs. McKusick is a Smith College graduate and has had teaching experience in Framington, Conn., and Haddam, Conn. We feel most fortunate in having found competent and experienced teachers for our schools.

Mrs. Margaret Madison accepted the position of School Nurse, replacing Mrs. Ruth McAvoy. Mr. Frank Vayda

replaced Mr. Royce Martin as custodian of the Anne T. Dunphy School.

At the annual meeting of Union #52 held at Smith's School in Northampton, I was elected as Superintendent of Schools for three years. Mr. N. Deming Hoyt was elected as Adjustment Counselor for the towns, of Williamsburg, Westhampton, and Worthington. Mrs. Robert O'Neill was elected as Secretary for Union #52. We are most grateful to Mr. Lauri Ronka, Director, for giving us the opportunity to meet at Smith's School where we were taken on a tour of the entire plant. The educational and vocational opportunities provided to youngsters who wish to further their education were explained. At this meeting, Mr. Kenneth Sherk of Williamsburg was elected Union Chairman and Mrs. Robert Lucey was elected secretary.

This fall another Curriculum Workshop for teachers in Union #52 and the Ashfield Union took place. Teachers indicated through a survey that Arithmetic was the subject they wished to re-evaluate. The Massachusetts Department of Education has been most helpful in making this day possible. Miss Margaret Shea, Elementary State Supervisor, again this year furnished us with outstanding consultants who met with groups of teachers and discussed all areas of arithmetic learning in elementary schools. These one-day workshops, we feel, do much to stimulate and redirect the thinking on the part of teachers, which in turn should result in richer learning experiences for children.

Williamsburg for the first time qualified under Public Law 871 to receive federal assistance due to a number of children in our schools, whose parents are federal employees. The entire amount received was \$3,184.00.

On September 4, 1957, the minimum salary for teachers in Massachusetts was raised from \$3,000.00 to \$3,300.00. This new minimum again affected our salary

schedule as our maximum until this year had been \$4,200.00. The chairman of the School Committee has given more detailed information on teachers' salaries in his report.

Since the beginning of this school year, teachers in grades 1 through 8 have been re-evaluating our Arithmetic program. Various series were studied and finally in December the Silver Burdett series was adopted and put into use immediately. These new texts will constitute the core of our arithmetic program and should bring stability and continuity in all grades. Diagnostic and standardized tests will be used at intervals not only to measure pupil progress but also to see how our children measure up on a national scale.

Major improvements and repairs made during the year 1957 are as follows:

1. A new roof was installed on the old section of the Helen E. James School.
2. New furniture was installed at the Haydenville Center School and in one room at the Jr.-Sr. High School.
3. A section of colprovia was applied next to the Helen E. James School as a parking area.
4. A new ceiling was installed in the boiler room of the Haydenville Center School.
5. Repairs were made on the heating system at the Haydenville Center School.

Our Basic Reading Program now includes grades seven and eight. We have felt for some time that this should be done to enable grade level pupils to extend further the interpretative skills and abilities learned in the lower grades and also give these pupils who were still below par in reading more time to acquire the necessary skills.

Mr. Deming Hoyt, Adjustment Counselor, has carried on an excellent guidance program in grades one through

eight. In our high school, Mr. Henry Sim administered the Kuder Preference test to all Freshmen this year and discussed the results with each pupil. All high school pupils have taken the California Test of Mental Maturity. It is the intention of the Williamsburg School Committee to further develop Guidance in high school in the near future.

New activities in high school include the Library Club formed by Mrs. Marie Thomas. At present the members of this club are cataloging books and developing a filing system.

Under Mrs. Ann Belk's guidance a Science Club has also been formed. A science Fair was held in the Spring where special projects were on display.

F. N. Graves & Sons, Inc., has again made our Driver Education program possible by donating a new dual-control car. Mr. Earl Tonet has 27 students enrolled in this elective course.

Special Supervisors of Music, Physical Education and Art have carried on very successful programs in all grades. The cafeteria under the management of Mrs. Helen Wells continues to serve excellent balanced meals and has been self-supporting during this past year.

I am deeply grateful to the School Committee, teachers, other staff members, Mrs. O'Neill, Union Secretary, the P.T.A. and the many parents of Williamsburg for their help and cooperation throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WALTER RICHARD

Superintendent of Schools

Report of School Nurse

Mr. J. Water Richard
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Richard:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1957 - December 31, 1957.

All primary grade children were weighed and measured twice during the year. The junior high and high school students were weighed and measured once. If a child was underweight, we then weighed him or her more frequently.

All pupils in Haydenville and Williamsburg schools had the hearing test in March and April. The parents of 23 children were notified of defective hearing. Most of them were taken to the family physician or a specialist.

The immunization clinic for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus was held in April and May. Dr. Hemenway was assisted in Haydenville and Dr. Hobbs in Williamsburg by the school nurse and the town visiting nurse. 285 school children and 79 pre-school children received their booster shots.

The third in the series of Salk vaccine shots was given in June by Dr. Hemenway in Haydenville and Dr. Hobbs in Williamsburg. The school nurse and the visiting nurse assisted. 441 children were given the booster.

Miss Genevieve Ely, State Dental Hygienist, examined the teeth of 459 pupils in Haydenville and Williamsburg schools during April. 73% of the school population were

found to be in need of dental corrective care at the time of the inspection. Cards were sent home notifying parents of dental work needed. Pink cards were given to children who didn't need treatment or had completed treatments. The children were taken to the family dentist.

Dr. Hobbs was assisted with physical examinations during the fall in Williamsburg and Dr. Hemenway was assisted in Haydenville. No serious defects were found.

Vision testing was completed in the 3 schools with 8 children needing further testing by an optometrist. Notices have been mailed to parents and were readily taken care of.

Ear and Vision testing was demonstrated to me by Mr. Reardon of Boston from the Department of Public Health as a refresher course. This is the reason the vision testing was done somewhat later this year.

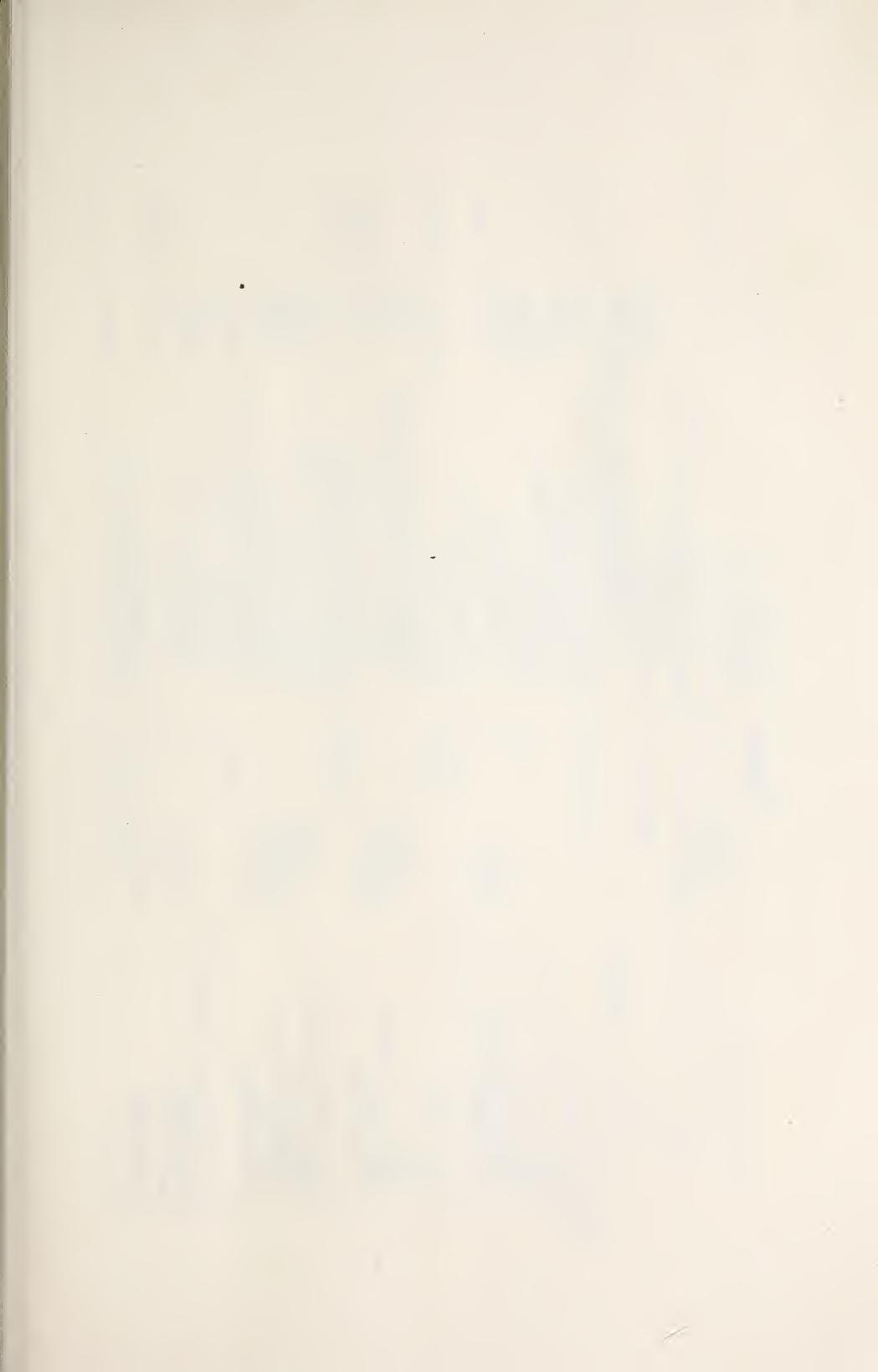
Several cases of measles were reported in the spring and several cases of chicken pox and mumps this winter. Many children were absent from school in November on account of the "Flu".

Visits were made in several homes and classroom inspections were made in all primary grades. Also, follow up work is being done in regard to defects found during physical examinations.

I wish to thank Mr. Richard, the School Committee and all parents for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET MADISON, R.N.



State Audit

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Balance Sheet — September 30, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

	ASSETS	LIAABILITIES AND RESERVES
Cash, Accounts Receivable:	\$38,388.92	State and County Assessments 1956: State Recreation Areas \$260.35
Taxes:		Audit Municipal Accounts 65.17
Levy of 1954:		County Tax 10,350.88
Personal Property	\$307.05	County Retirement 1,233.94
Real Estate	1,725.49	
	2,032.54	\$11,910.34
Levy of 1955:		Payroll Deductions: Federal Taxes \$1,625.74
Poll	8.00	Contributory Retirement System 88.38
Personal Property	1,436.67	
Real Estate	5,656.60	1,714.12
	7,101.27	87.00
Levy of 1956:		Water Connection Deposits Agency: Dog Licenses—Due County Collector's Costs 37.35
Poll	110.00	
Personal Property	16,818.35	Excess—Sale Lands of Low Value 226.49
Real Estate	128,164.35	Land Purchase—Anne T. Dunphy School 600.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	145,087.70	
Levy of 1954:	\$195.20	Trust Fund Income: Henry M. Hills Memorial 1,007.04
Levy of 1955	591.28	
Levy of 1956	12,137.43	
	12,923.91	

Tax Titles	\$398.87		Bed Fund	\$1,000.42
Tax Possessions	192.43	591.30	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	465.58
Departmental:			Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	463.50
Aid to Dependent Children		178.27	Electa Waite Charity Fund	316.72
Water Department:			Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	195.70
Rates	\$3,423.85		Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	762.06
Miscellaneous	1,004.95		C. J. Hills Charity Fund	618.31
Petticoat Hill Extension	27.50	4,456.30	Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	126.77
Aid to Highways:			Byron Loomis School Fund	478.12
State	\$20,294.50		Ethel Curry School Fund	102.50
County	4,722.25	25,016.75	Albert D. Sanders School Fund	426.44
		19,285.91	Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	253.52
				5,209.64
Estimated Receipts—to be Collected			Federal Grants:	
Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:			Disability Assistance:	
Dog Officer—Due from County		6.50	Administration	\$62.05
Due from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund		5,300.00	Assistance	1,942.43
Due from Collins School Fund		36.17	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Overdrawn Appropriations:			Administration	346.89
Dutch Elm Control	\$5.80		Aid	5,595.99
Highways:			Old Age Assistance:	
Chapter 90 Construction—		.06	Administration	2,073.35
1955			Aid	14,888.52
Chapter 90 Construction—			Federal Works Agency—	
1956	4,971.12		Water Plans and Emergency	12.00
Chapter 81—1956	4,505.99			24,921.23
Veterans' Services	157.16	9,640.13	Revolving Funds:	
			School Lunch	\$1,128.79

School Athletics	1,713.06	2,841.85
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	\$93,767.96	
Non-Revenue:		
New Elementary School		
Construction	4,846.55	
Helen E. James School		
Repairs	6,348.45	
		104,962.96
Road Machinery Fund		
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1954	\$1,254.88	
Levy of 1955	4,875.10	
Levy of 1956	6,539.64	
		12,669.62
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise	\$12,923.91	
Tax Title and Possession		
Departmental	591.30	
Water	178.27	
Aid to Highway		
	4,456.30	
	25,016.75	
		43,166.53
Surplus Revenue:		
General	\$49,822.87	
Water	2,067.59	
		51,890.46
		<u><u>\$270,045.67</u></u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit:	\$20,000.00	Inside Debt Limit:	
General		Helen E. James School	
Outside Debt Limit:	\$195,000.00	Repair Loan	\$20,000.00
General		Outside Debt Limit:	
Public Service Enterprise:	22,500.00	General:	
Water	217,500.00	Anne T. Dunphy Elementary	
		School Loan	\$195,000.00
		Public Service Enterprise:	
		Water:	
		Water Main South Street	
		Extension Loan	3,500.00
		Water Main Sanatorium	
		Extension Loan	2,000.00
		Underground Water	
		Supply Loan	
			17,000.00
			217,500.00
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			\$237,500.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer
In Custody of Trustee

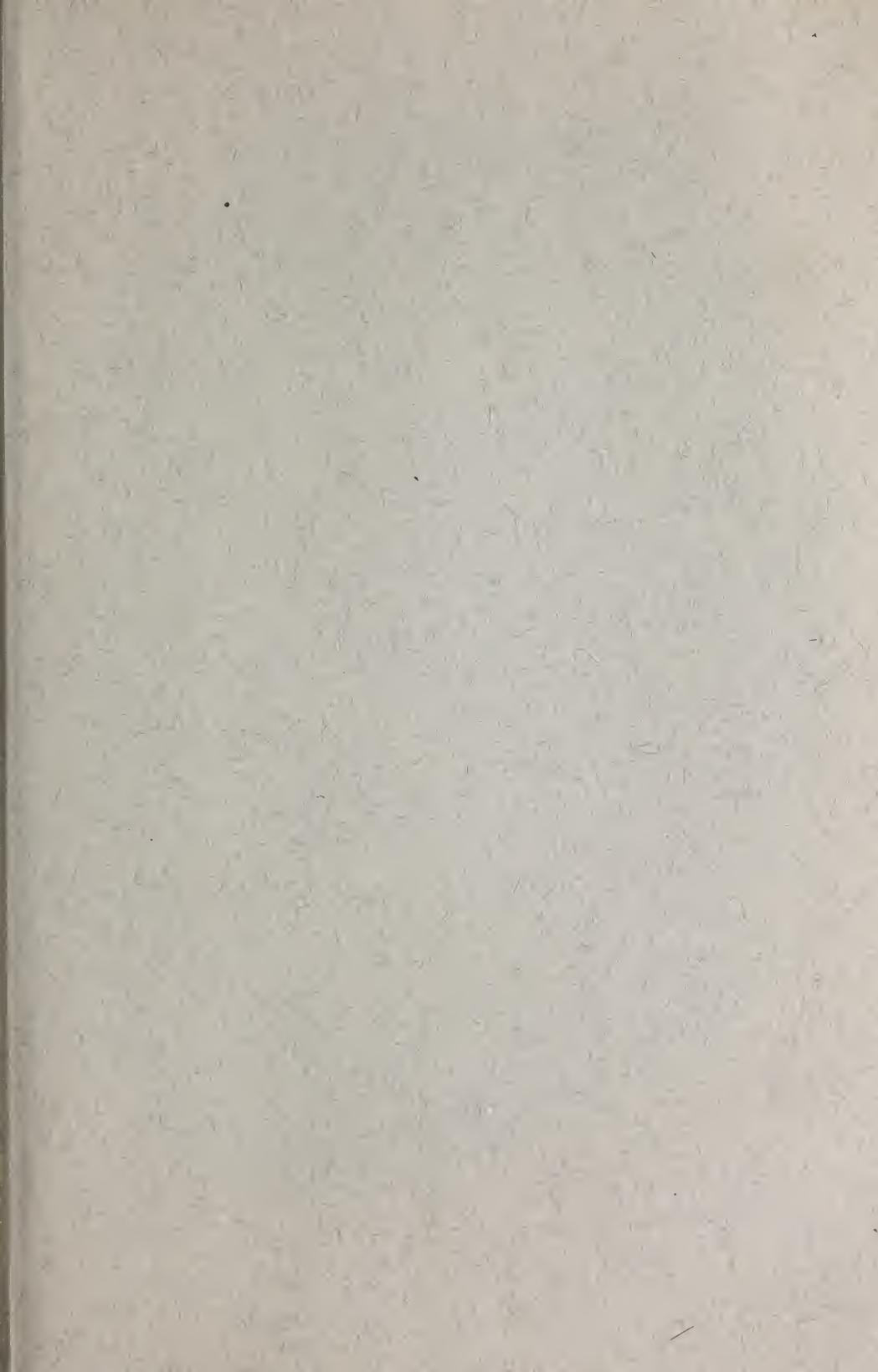
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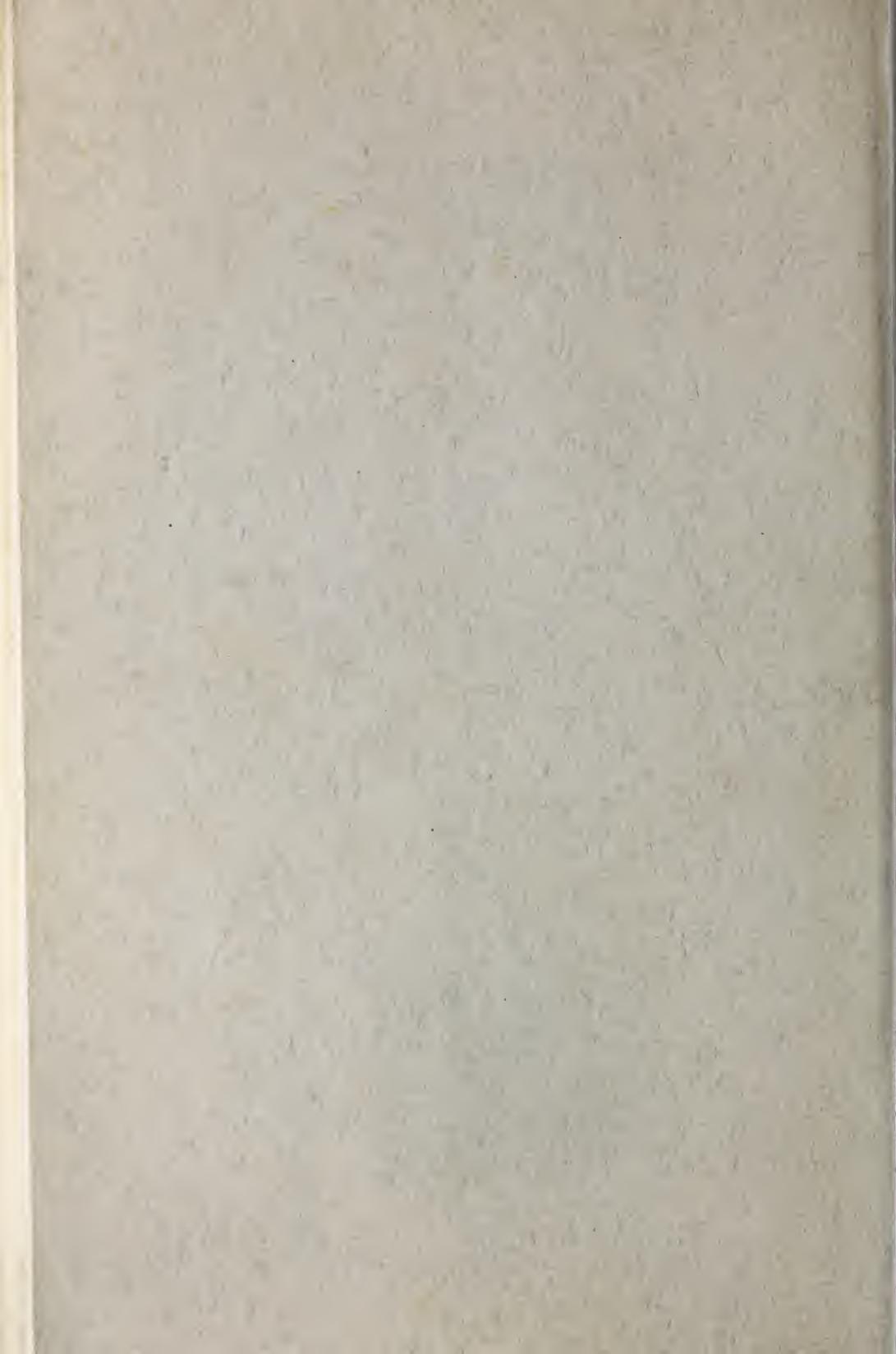
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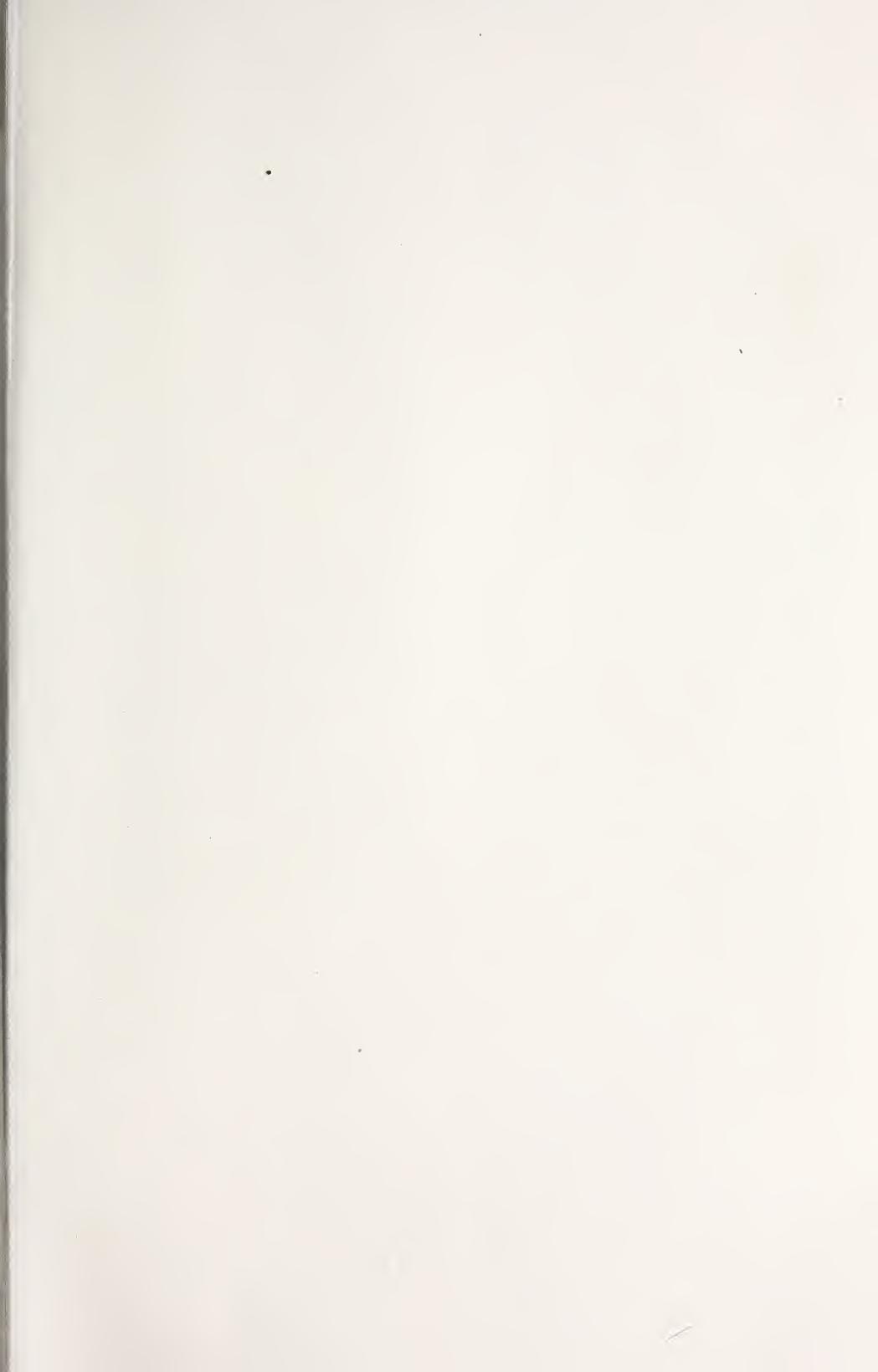
Henry M. Hills Hospital	\$17,649.07
Bed Fund	
Whiting Street Worthy	
Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Worthy	
Poor Fund	3,000.00
Henry W. Warner Worthy	
Poor Fund	5,638.82
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,423.45
Onslow G. Spelman	
School Fund	
Byron Loomis School Fund	36,947.77
Ethel Curry School Fund	7,436.51
Albert D. Sanders	1,000.00
School Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde	
School Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual	
Care Funds	1,325.00
Post-War Rehabilitation	
Fund	6,423.48
	\$119,404.93
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	3,876.74
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	\$123,281.67
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In Custody of Trustee:

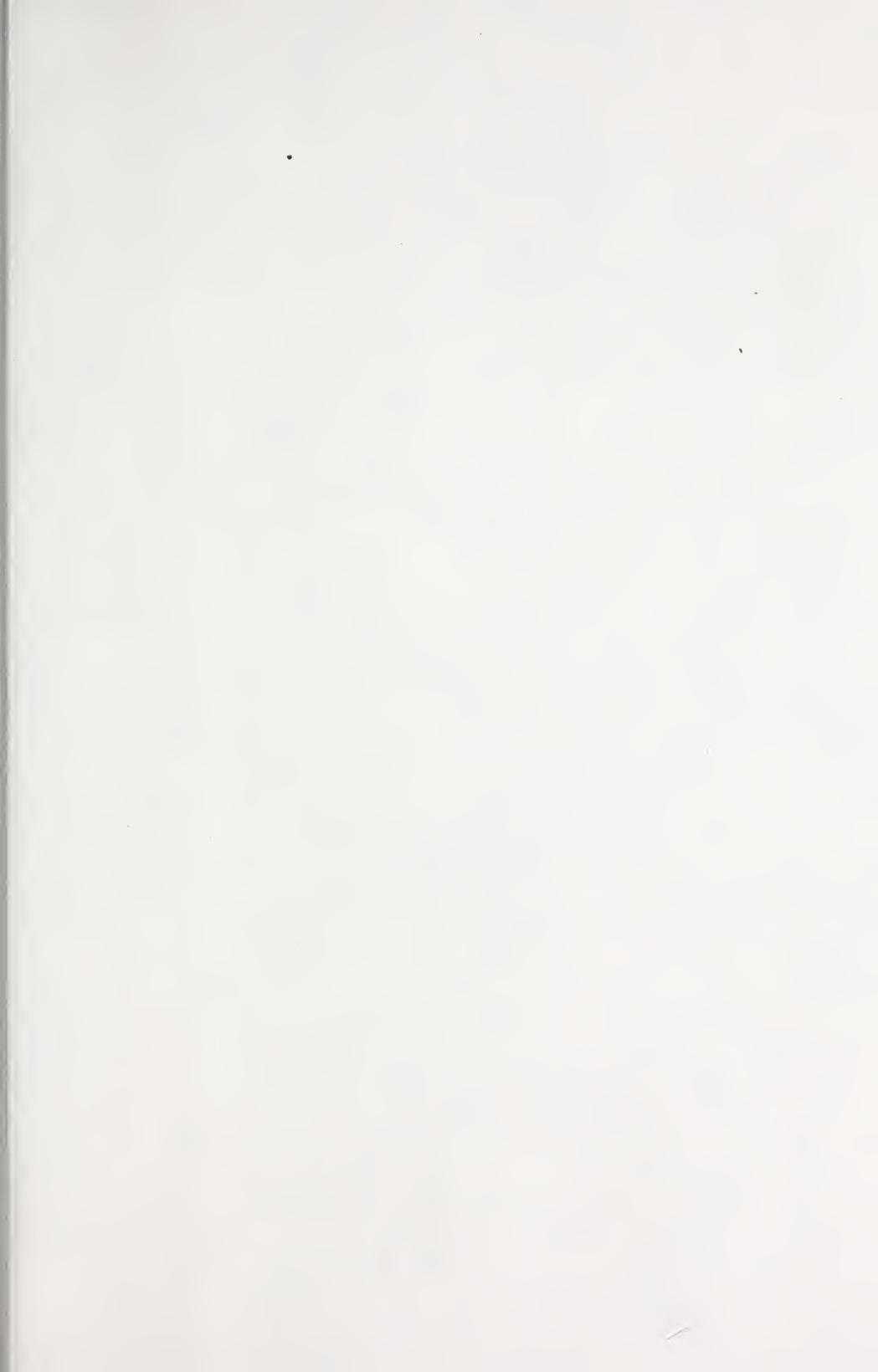
Helen E. James School Fund











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